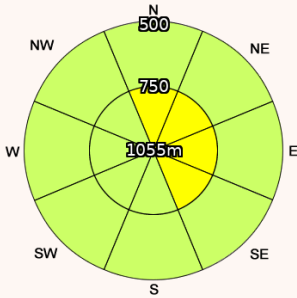


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 16/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

There will be gale force South-West winds overnight, decreasing in strength by mid-morning becoming strong South-Westerly. There will be moderate showers throughout the period with heavier hill snow in the afternoon. The freezing level will lower gradually from around 1000 metres to 450 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

After some initial softening later this evening the snow pack will refreeze in the cooling temperatures becoming firm and generally well bonded. Fresh windslab instabilities will begin to accumulate on North through East to South-East aspects above 750 metres. This will affect steeper wind sheltered terrain such as coire rims, gully tops and scarp slopes. Cornice growth can also be expected. Wind scouring is likely on wind exposed SW aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 16/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Winds were gale strength South-South-West. It was dry this morning with showers from late morning. At first there was frost down to low levels then the freezing level gradually rose throughout the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow pack has refrozen and is generally well bonded and stable on all aspects. There are localised instabilities remaining on steep wind sheltered terrain. Mainly affecting North through East to South-East aspects above 750 metres. The snowpack was beginning to soften and cornices were becoming fragile as the day progressed. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 550 m - Firmer snow pack softening this afternoon. It was clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow by lunch time. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Very strong winds and lowering freezing level.