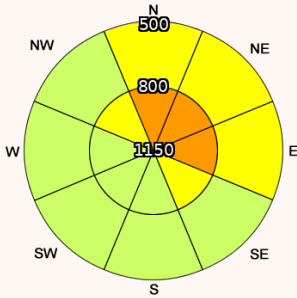


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 16/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020



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

New snow throughout the period mainly above 750 metres will become heavier by Tuesday afternoon. Winds generally South-Westerly will be strong initially becoming fresh later. Becoming colder overnight the freezing level will be around 800 metres by morning lowering to 600 metres by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow and wind transport of existing deposits will form fresh unstable windslab in sheltered gullies and on Northerly to South-Easterly aspects mainly above 800 metres. Fragile cornices will exist above many of these areas. The older snowpack will be firm and icy in places and will generally be stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 16/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Mainly dry and breezy conditions earlier in the day gave way to rain sleet and snow above 600 metres in the afternoon. Winds are generally South-Westerly and have strengthened through the period. The freezing level is around 900 metres and is rising.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack is generally firm and is icy in exposed locations at higher elevations. Areas of windslab are forming in sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations are in sheltered gullies and on Northerly to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. Cornice debris noted below North-Easterly aspect from 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 700 metres. Clearer in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow in the afternoon. Winds 20 -30 mph becoming stronger through the day.

Comments

Occasional snow showers Monday night and Tuesday morning with more widespread snow later in the day.