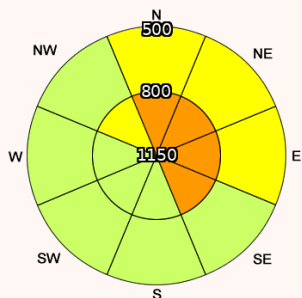


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 18/03/2020



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 will continue to affect the area over the period with some heavier falls overnight down to lower levels. Winds will generally be strong to gale force from a West-South-Westerly direction. The freezing level will start the day at around 300 metres rising to 600 metres by evening

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

With new snow and West-South-Westerly winds unstable windslab will continue to develop in sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will be in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a Northerly through East to South-Easterly aspect. Steep scarp slopes, corniced areas and summit gullies will be particularly affected. The older snowpack where will be firm and very icy in exposed locations. Cornices will be fragile and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 17/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Mild and wet conditions overnight becoming colder today with snow showers becoming heavier by afternoon, winds are generally strong South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A period of higher instability occurred overnight with several wet snow avalanches occurring, Colder conditions with new snow are forming areas of unstable windslab in sheltered areas such as summit gullies and on slopes with a Northerly to south-Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 800 metres. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow afternoon. Winds 30 -40 mph mainly South-Westerly.

Comments

Old snow will be firm and icy with serious run out potential in the event of an uncontrolled slip.