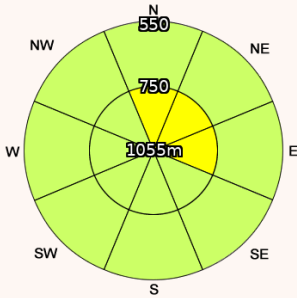


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 18/03/2020



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

Winds will be strong generally West-South-Westerly. Moderate snow showers are expected throughout the period. The Freezing level will lower from 550 metres to around 300 metres overnight, rising to around 600 metres later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of unstable wind slab will continue to accumulate and gain depth on North to East aspects above 750m. Affecting steep wind sheltered terrain such as the tops of gullies, coire rims and ridge flanks. Cornices will be fragile. Elsewhere the older snow pack will remain firm and generally stable with some scouring on windward aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 17/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

The winds were gale force West-South-Westerly with heavy showers. The freezing level was around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow pack is continuing to deplete at lower levels with better snow cover above 550 metres. Above 650 metres the older snow pack was firm and stable with some localised wind slab instabilities forming on wind sheltered steeper North to South-East aspects above 750 metres. Some wind exposed terrain is becoming bare of snow. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, better above 550 metres. Firm snow on most aspects. Generally poor visibility throughout the day. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph.

Comments

Further snow showers heaviest in the afternoon.