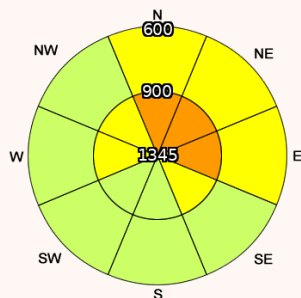


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 18/03/2020



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

There will be snow showers throughout the period. The freezing level will be around 600 metres. Strong winds will be from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of fresh unstable windslab will continue to be deposited on top of the significant quantities that already exist. Most affected will be sheltered North to East aspects above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Cornices above these aspects will be fragile and prone to collapse. Windward aspects will hold much less snow and stability will be better in these locations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 17/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight the freezing briefly rose to around 1200 metres before dropping to 900 metres, and remaining at this level through the day. After a relatively dry morning. During the afternoon precipitation fell as snow above about 700 metres. Strong winds South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There was a period of instability in the milder conditions overnight with avalanche activity on an Easterly aspect around 1000 metres. During the morning the existing snowpack tended to consolidate. Significant quantities of fresh unstable windslab were deposited through the afternoon above 800 metres with North to East aspects being most affected. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 600 metres - some exposed ridges scoured. Poor visibility in the morning above 800 metres, worse in the afternoon. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult at times.

Comments

Large quantities of fresh snow expected at the top of many gullies. Care required!