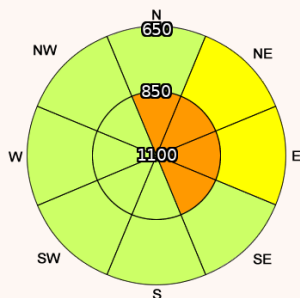


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 17/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 18/03/2020



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

Snow showers throughout the forecast period. Becoming significantly colder. Moderate to strong WSW winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Good stability on wind exposed aspects at all altitudes. Weakly stabilised windslab will become deeper and prevalent on all steep N to E aspects above 850m where avalanches are likely. Cross loading expected in some selected deeply incised terrain features on steep SE aspects. Newly formed cornices will be weak and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 17/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Wet and mild at all levels overnight and during the early morning then cooler with snow showers from late morning. Moderate to strong SW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Very poor wet snow instability overnight with 3 slab avalanches, one large, on steep NE to ENE aspects above 900m in our area. Cooler temperatures brought some initial consolidation to the older snowpack but new windslab was building and instability increasing on steep N to E aspects at the time of reporting. Snow on wind exposed aspects was either wet or crusty depending on altitude. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow afternoon Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

Comments