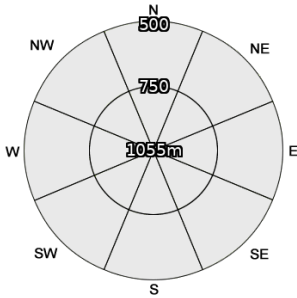


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 19/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 20/03/2020



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

Isolated wintry showers will peter out overnight to give a largely dry and sunny day. Moderate West winds will become light overnight, backing Easterly and freshening through the day as high pressure becomes dominant. The freezing level will rise from 400 metres overnight to around 800 metres, but will remain colder on North aspects.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to consolidate and generally have good stability, firm and icy on some exposed slopes. Minor weaknesses will persist in small localised areas of recent windslab mostly affecting very steep scarp slopes, coire rims and gully exits, on North to East aspects and mainly above 750 metres. Through the day, sun induced instabilities will develop on South-East to South aspects in same locations. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 19/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Isolated wintry showers, bright and sunny between with occasional summit cloud. Moderate West-North-West wind, stronger during showers. Freezing level around 650 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Although the snowpack is consolidating and generally has good stability, weaknesses are developing in small localised areas of recent windslab. Most affected are very steep scarp slopes, coire rims and gully exits, on North to East aspects mainly above 750 metres. Minor sun induced instabilities exist on South-East to South aspects same locations. Some larger remaining cornices are unstable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack at lower levels, remaining good above 600 metres. Good visibility generally, but poor during showers. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh and cooling on the summits.

Comments

High pressure will dominate over the weekend with a general consolidation of the snowpack. Expect a significant air temperature difference between sunny Southerly and shaded Northerly aspects.