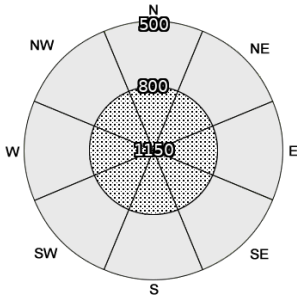


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 19/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 20/03/2020



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

Occasional light snow showers overnight becoming sunny, calm and settled on Friday. Winds will be moderate to fresh variable overnight Easterly through the day. The freezing level overnight will be around 400 metres rising to 800 metres through the course of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snowpack will remain firm and icy in many locations. Areas of deep windslab in sheltered gullies and on Northerly through East to Southerly slopes mainly above 800 metres will remain moderate to weakly bonded, fragile cornices above many of these areas will be prone to collapse with rising daytime temperatures. Wind transport of existing snow through the day will form localised moderately bonded windslab on Westerly aspects mainly above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 19/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers yesterday evening gave way to a cold and largely dry night. Today has been generally sunny, dry and settled with moderate to fresh Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snowpack is firm and icy in places and is generally stable. Areas of windslab exist in sheltered gullies and on North through East to Southerly aspects mainly above 850 metres. Where these deposits of windslab are on steeper slopes or have attained significant depth bonding is poor. Widespread cornice collapse noted on many Northern and Easterly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 600 metres, heavy drifting onto Easterly aspects. Clear and sunny in the morning with the odd snow shower in the afternoon. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

Old snow is firm, icy and very unforgiving in the event of an uncontrolled slip.