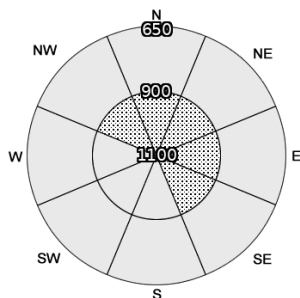


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 19/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 20/03/2020



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

A few light snow showers overnight, then dry and bright for much of the day. Winds fresh to start and generally WSW will back and decrease to light Southerly and become progressively fresh Easterly later. Freezing levels 400 metres overnight, then rising to around 800 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will slowly consolidate in most locations. Some residual instability will persist where deepest accumulations remain above 900 metres in steepest, highest and sheltered North-West through North to Easterly aspects. Surface roller ball activity expected on sun affected aspects during periods of bright morning sunshine. Large sections of weak cornice remain around many coire rims. Good stability on all recent windward slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 19/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight showers gave way to a mostly bright and dry day. It has been cool with light to fresh, mainly West-North-Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of moderately bonded windslab exist on highest, steep N to E aspects above 850m. Cornice debris was noted on slopes of these aspects today, originating from large weak cornices; sections of these still remain intact around coire rims. Widespread roller ball activity was noted on E to SE aspects, below 850m from periods of bright sunshine. At lower elevations the snowpack is moist and consolidating. Scoured aspects are well stabilised. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow above 400m - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! Cold clear conditions Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.

Comments

High pressure becoming more dominant.