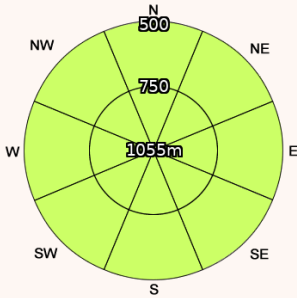


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 21/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 22/03/2020



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

It will be dry throughout the forecast period. Moderate to strong winds will be from a Southerly direction. Overnight the freezing level will be around 500 metres, rising to 800 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will be generally well bonded and stable. Localised instabilities will persist on steep shaded terrain on North to East aspects above 700 metres. These weaknesses are expected to be shallow in depth and generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 21/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry cloudy day with moderate winds from the South- East. Summit temperatures around minus 2 celsius at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow is well bonded and stable in most locations and generally firm underfoot. Localised surface instabilities above a strong icy crust were identified in a shaded location at 700 metres on a North-East facing slope. These are not great in extent. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, best cover above 700 metres on North to East aspects. Cloud above the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

West and South aspects hold the least snow. Ridges on these aspects scoured. Higher North and East aspects in full winter condition. Generally firm underfoot.