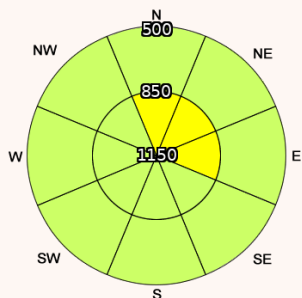


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 21/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 22/03/2020



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

High pressure will keep conditions mainly dry and cool. Overnight, the strong South-Easterly will ease and then strengthen slightly during the day and veer to a Southerly direction. The freezing level will at around 600 metres rising to above the summits in the afternoon but wet bulb remaining around 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will remain generally stable in most places with some large icy areas present above 850 metres. Localised pockets of marginally bonded windslab will persist in steep locations mostly on North to East aspects above 850 metres. Areas particularly affected, sheltered gullies, scarp slopes and steep coire headwalls. SE aspects will also have some marginal instabilities. Large cornices are present above most of these aspects, recent collapse noted. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 21/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It was dry through this period but much cloudier today, winds were fresh from a South-Easterly direction and it felt quite cold when exposed to these winds. Summit temperatures around minus 4 degrees celsius which gave a cold wind chill affect. There were some brighter spells on occasions mostly in the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is generally stable on all aspects and elevations with large icy areas above 850 metres. Some light scouring and wind transportation of surface layers was taking place mainly onto wind sheltered North-West aspects above 850 metres. Localised pockets of unstable windslab still persist in steep locations such as sheltered gullies, scarp slopes and steep coire headwalls mainly on North to East aspects above 850 metres. SE aspects are partially affected. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Firm snow above 550 metres - large icy areas above 850m. Cool, mainly clear conditions through most of the day. Winds, fresh but strong at times from a South-Easterly direction.

Comments

Little change is expected to the snowpack. Large icy areas existing above 850m with serious run-out's.