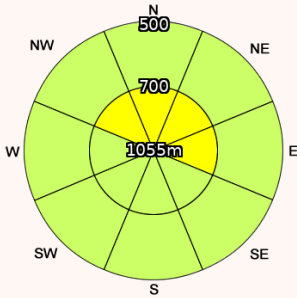


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 22/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 23/03/2020



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

Strong South-South-West winds initially will become severe gale force during the day. It will be predominantly dry but with the chance of light sleet showers at summit level later in the forecast period. Freezing levels will be variable; at or around the summits in Torricon but significantly higher in the Fannichs. However it is likely the snowpack will remain firm at higher levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will remain generally stable, especially in the coastal ranges. Localised instabilities in the surface layer will persist on steep terrain on North to East aspects above 700 metres. On some West to North elevations and mostly on the inland hills where snow accumulations are greatest and away from the coastal range, pockets of unstable windslab will be present in steep sheltered locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 22/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry day with moderate Southerly winds. Overcast in the morning with bright sunny intervals in the afternoon. Freezing level around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is generally firm and stable. Localised instabilities however remain on some steep terrain, particularly in the tops of gullies and on ridge flanks. On North to East aspects above 700 metres surface weaknesses were identified but these are limited. Recent strong South-East winds have redistributed existing snow into sheltered locations on West to North aspects, particularly in the inner areas of the forecast area away from the coast. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 700 metres on North to East aspects. Cloudy in the morning but good visibility throughout day. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph from the South.

Comments