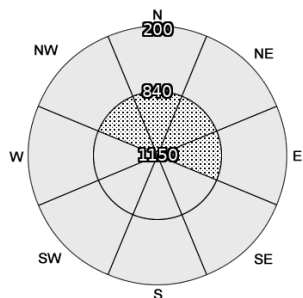


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 31/12/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2021



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

Overnight, freezing level at around 600 metres falling to 200 metres by day break. A dry 'New Years day'. Strong Northerly winds will ease and become fresh North-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Strong, Northerly winds will scour and transport snow forming shallow windslab deposits on South-East to South-West aspects, these are not expected to be deep or extensive. Where deeper snow accumulations exist on North-West through North to East aspects, localised poorly bonded windslab will persist above 840 metres. All windslab instabilities will be on steep sheltered terrain with gullies mostly affected. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 31/12/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Milder and cloudy, freezing level was around 600 metres, light snow showers fell above 500 metres. Fresh to strong Northerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow amounts were not significant. Localised accumulations of Moderate to weakly bonded windslab is present mostly on North-West through North to East aspects above 840 metres. All windslab instabilities are on steep sheltered terrain with gullies mostly affected. Fragile cornices continue to develop in the lee of ridge crests. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover above 200 metres with some deeper drifts above 800m. Poor visibility throughout the day above 750m. Strengthening North-Westerly winds 20-30 mph.

Comments

Staying wintry - Happy New Year