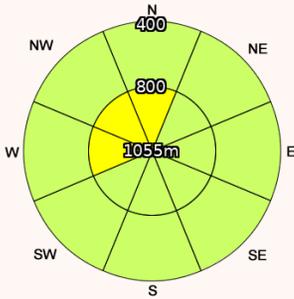


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 13/01/2021 TO 18:00HRS Thu 14/01/2021



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

Sleet and snow, with rain at lower levels, will ease overnight, petering out entirely by the afternoon. The fresh to strong South-East wind will veer Westerly by daybreak. It will remain cold with below zero summit air temperatures throughout and freezing levels gradually lowering to around 850 metres by the end of the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing refrozen snowpack will remain stable throughout, firm at higher elevations. Localised accumulations of fresh moderately bonded windslab will form in steep sheltered West to North aspects mainly above 800 metres. Tops of gullies, coire rims and below ridge crests are likely to be most affected. Later, pockets of fresh windslab possible in steep sheltered North-East to East aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 13/01/2021

Observed Weather Influences

After a bright dry start, high cloud thickened ahead of a front with snow arriving in Torridon by early afternoon. Light South-East winds strengthened through the day. Remaining cold with midday freezing level around 450 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack is stable throughout. Most snow remains above 600 metres. Some shallow pockets of windslab remain on steep previously sheltered slopes, at higher elevations on East to South aspects. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust at lower elevations, firm around summits. Good visibility with thickening high cloud. Winds approximately 10 - 20 mph, fresh and cooling, strengthening later.

Comments

Some uncertainty of total snow amounts overnight, but expect more rather than less. Forecast to be drier and colder on Friday.