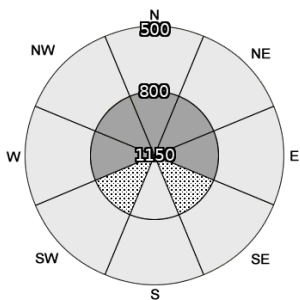


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/02/2021 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/02/2021



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, the freezing level at around 800 metres with some isolated showers but mostly dry. The freezing level will then rise to well above the summits during the day with some snow showers at first these turning to rain at levels. The South-Westerly winds will steadily strengthen to become South-South-Easterly, strong to gale force.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

In the morning above 850 metres, moderately bonded windslab will exist on North-West to North-East aspects. The snowpack will then quickly transform as rain and mild conditions affect the area. Unstable wet snow instabilities will be present in many steep sheltered locations above 800 metres mainly on West through North to East aspects. Steep gullies, gully exits, coire rims and scarp slopes will be mostly affected. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 18/02/2021

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight, rain fell at all levels then the freezing level slowly fell to around 700 metres with wintry showers above this height. The winds were strong from a Southerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of moderately bonded windslab is present in wind sheltered locations, mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 850 metres. Localised instabilities also exist on West and East aspects. Steep sheltered locations, gully exits, coire rims and scarp slopes are mostly affected. Cornices are soft and fragile. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing snowpack at lower elevations, good above 800 metres. Cloud base was around 750 metres with poor visibility above this elevation. Strong Southerly winds 25-40 mph.
Comments	Freezing level rising to around 1700 metres tomorrow. Outlook: Mild or very mild with further rain on Friday night and Saturday. Southerly gales or severe gales at height. Drier, cooler conditions developing early on Sunday, winds easing.