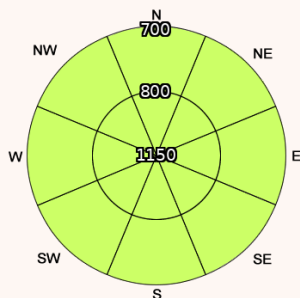


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 23/02/2021 TO 18:00HRS Wed 24/02/2021



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

Rain and occasionally sleet at all levels will continue overnight becoming mainly dry by morning. The freezing level will remain above the summits lowering to 1100 metres through the course of the day. Winds will generally be from the South-South-West strong to gale force.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will be soft and moist in most locations. Surface wet snow instabilities will exist on the steepest slopes and gullies, but these areas should mainly be avoidable. Any remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 23/02/2021

Observed Weather Influences

New snow on the higher slopes this morning was followed by heavy rain at all levels as the freezing level rose well above the summits. Winds have been generally Southerly gale force, with severe gale on the tops.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A period of instability occurred as milder and very wet conditions affected the area this morning. The snowpack is now soft and wet in most areas. Wet snow instabilities exist in the very steepest gullies and on slopes with a mainly North-West through North to Easterly aspect above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, still good above 800 metres. Snow on higher slopes initially but turning to heavy rain later. Winds 30 -40 mph Southerly.

Comments

Dry conditions expected by morning and becoming generally cooler through the day. Strong winds likely particularly in the morning. Remaining cornices prone to collapse.