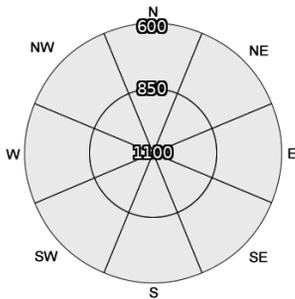


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 23/02/2021 TO 18:00HRS Wed 24/02/2021



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

Cooler and less wet conditions will affect the area over the period. The Freezing Level will lower to around summits. Winds will remain very strong South Westerly throughout.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The general stability of the now much depleted snowpack will improve with the return of slightly cooler conditions. The snowpack will remain moist and creep lines will continue to develop with localised wet snow instabilities in steepest gully areas, primarily on NW through N to E aspects above 800m. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 23/02/2021

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a mild and very wet day. Freezing levels rose above summits with rain to all levels as the day progressed. Strong SSE winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instabilities were prevalent above 800m, as the early snow showers turned to rain at all levels during the day. Entrained debris from recent wet snow slides was evident at gully talus bases on North through to Easterly aspects above 800m. The period of highest instability being as accumulations of new snow transitioned to the increasingly wet conditions; creep lines were also noted in older deposits at lower elevations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, remaining cover primarily above 800 metres Poor visibility in showers throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

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