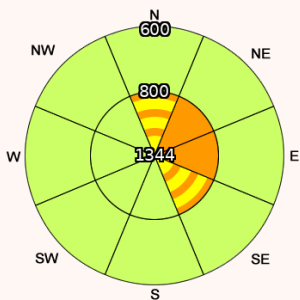


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/12/2014 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/12/2014



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

Moderate to Strong Westerly winds over the summits. The freezing level will be around 600m with snow showers throughout the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing wet snowpack will continue to refreeze and stabilise. Fresh areas of unstable windslab will form in areas sheltered from the Westerly winds. Greatest accumulations will be on steep North and North-East aspects above 800m. Localised areas will also be present on North and South-East aspects. Old snow exposed to the wind will be hard frozen The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 18/12/2014

Observed Weather Influences

Strong Westerly winds with rain at all levels turning to wet snow above 1000m around lunchtime

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is thawing at all levels. Localised wet snow instabilities are present on some steep North, North-East and East aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow underfoot. Generally good visibility out-with the showers.

Comments