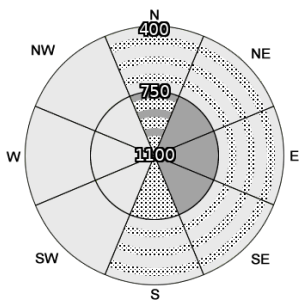


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 19/12/2014 TO 18:00HRS Sat 20/12/2014



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

Snow showers continuing overnight and into the morning. Remaining cold though temperatures easing a little during the day. Winds will be very strong Westerly or West North Westerly, easing only a little after midday.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab will continue to accumulate and become deeper on all North through East to South East facing slopes and gullies above 750m where avalanches are likely. All new cornices will be soft and prone to collapse. Much better stability on all locations directly exposed to the wind. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 19/12/2014

Observed Weather Influences

Persistent snow showers overnight and throughout the day. It remained cold and winds have been very strong Westerly or West South Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly stabilised windslab formed readily and acquired depth on all sheltered lee slopes. Most affected areas are steep North to East aspects above 750m, with cross-loading noted on some South East facing slopes and gullies. Good stability on all wind-exposed locations. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Deep snow at all altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! No visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.
Comments	Very wintry on Friday with more or less continuous snow showers and non-stop drifting above 550m. Saturday looking a little brighter but snowpack and avalanche issues not expected to relent.