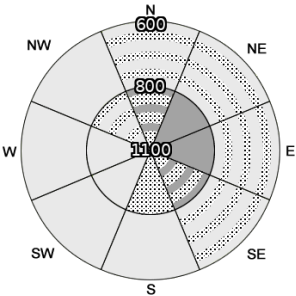


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 25/12/2014 TO 18:00HRS Fri 26/12/2014



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

Dry and cold throughout with light variable winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Instability will persist in deeper windslab deposits mainly on North East to South East aspects above 800m. Most affected areas will be steep gully exits and the top of coire backwalls. Recently formed cornices will overhang many of these locations. Much better stability at lower altitudes on all aspects and on all recently wind scoured slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 25/12/2014

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers and wind died out overnight leaving Christmas Day cold, clear, bright and calm.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of deep and marginally bonded windslab lie on most North East to South East aspects above 800m. Below 700m the snowpack is either sparse and scoured, or refrozen, crusty and stable. New cornices hang over steeper recent lee slopes. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust below 700m, very tiring conditions Cold clear conditions Winds approx 10mph

Comments

Excellent general cover above 700m with deep drifts above 800m. Treacherous and tiring crust below 700m.