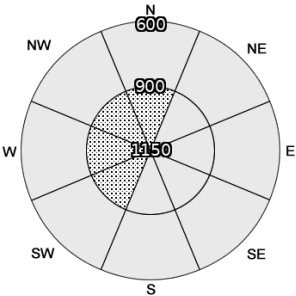


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 23/12/2022 TO 18:00HRS Sat 24/12/2022



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

There will be snowfall throughout this period. Initially to lower levels but showers likely to lift above 600 metres as the freezing level rises to around 1000 metres in the afternoon. Strong winds throughout, East overnight veering during the day to become South-East by late afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New unstable windslab will develop on South-West through West to North aspects above 900 metres. Greatest amounts of windslab will be found in wind sheltered terrain with stability poorest particularly around gully tops, scarp slopes and on steep convex features. Elsewhere, there will be drifts to low levels with older snow very firm and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 23/12/2022

Observed Weather Influences

A cold day with the freezing level around 800 metres at midday. Cloudy with light precipitation in the afternoon. Winds were fresh from the North-East.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy snow cover is firm and well bonded. Remaining snow was found in lee locations on most aspects above 600 metres with deepest amounts around corrie rims and in gully exits on North-West to North-East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Patchy firm snow - ice on most aspects. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.
Comments	Possibility of heavy snowfall at times.