

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE MODERATE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Saturday 23/12/2023

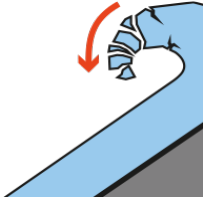
Avalanche Problems



Wind Slab



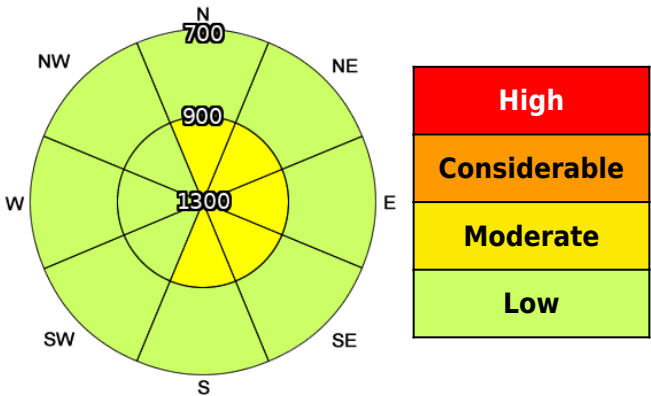
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Fresh deposits of moderately bonded windslab will continue to develop overnight on North through East to Southerly aspects above 900 meters. The greatest instability will be where accumulations gain depth in steep wind sheltered locations such as gully exits, crag aprons and steep corrie headwalls. During daylight hours wet snow instabilities will develop on these same aspects. Cornices will be fragile and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.



Forecast Weather Influences

Gale force West-North-West winds backing and easing to become Westerly overnight. Increasing and backing to storm force West-South-Westerlies during daylight hours. Frequent overnight snow showers are expected, turning to rain at all levels by midday. The freezing level will rise to well above the summits during the day.

Comments

Fresh windslab above 900 meters today with lighter winds than yesterday. More snow overnight but expect a significant rise in temperature on Saturday when much of the new snow will begin to thaw.



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