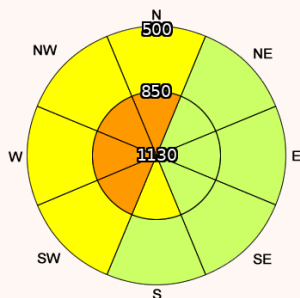


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/12/2023 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/12/2023



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

East-South-Easterly winds will steadily strengthen overnight to reach gale to storm force by morning. After a dry night, heavy snow is expected throughout the day. The freezing level will be around 600m, increasing to around 1000m towards the end of the forecasting period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will develop primarily on South-West through West to North aspects above 850m where avalanches are likely. Other aspects may be affected by cross-loading. Areas most affected will be wind sheltered locations such as gully tops, coire rims and steep banks. Fragile cornices will build. Wind exposed areas will be mostly scoured. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/12/2023

Observed Weather Influences

Dry and bright with light Westerly winds. Freezing at all levels.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Generally good stability in all locations. Isolated shallow pockets of windslab are present on North-East to South-East aspects above 900m, mostly confined to gully tops and coire rims. Elsewhere, the snow cover is thin with the fresh snow lying on bare ground. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Covering of snow at all altitudes, occasionally knee deep in isolated locations. Good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc.

Comments

Heavy snow and gale force winds for tomorrow, most definitely a return to winter. Expect blizzard conditions.