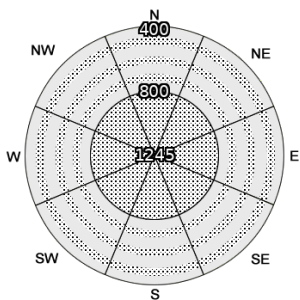


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 13/01/2011 TO 18:00HRS Fri 14/01/2011



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

Overnight rain will turn to sleet then snow showers during Friday as the freezing level falls from 1600 metres to 800 metres. The winds will be strong and from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

As the freezing level lowers the snowpack will begin to stabilise. New accumulations of windslab will develop on Northerly to Easterly aspects. Localised instabilities will affect most aspects in areas of steep and convex terrain above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 13/01/2011

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a mild day with light drizzle at all levels on strong Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is thawing at all levels turning surface layers moist. During tests on an East aspect at 1110 metres moderate failures were noted on the cold weaker layers. Localised instabilities remain on most aspects especially in areas of steep terrain. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Cover generally good, more patchy below 700 metres.
Comments	Snowpack surface generally soft and wet, but dry cold layers remain in deeper accumulations.