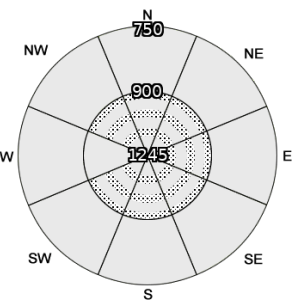


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 29/01/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sun 30/01/2011



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

It will be a dry night and light snow showers are expected during Sunday afternoon on strong increasing to gale force South-West winds. The freezing level will fall to 870 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

In sheltered areas new localised accumulations of windslab will develop on North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. In steep sheltered terrain existing instabilities will affect South-East to South-West aspects above this altitude. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 29/01/2011

Observed Weather Influences

Light snowfall turned to drizzle as the freezing level rose to above the summits. Moderate West winds became light during the day and veered to the North.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been a slight covering of new snow on all aspects above 600 metres and a thin rime ice layer exists beneath this at higher altitudes. Moderately bonded wind slab exists on South-Easterly to South-West aspects above 900 metres. Tests on a South-East aspect at 1100 metres resulted in failures beneath the firmer surface layers. Elsewhere the snowpack is generally well bonded and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Good cover of firm snow above 800m.
Comments	A more stormy outlook expected after the recent calm conditions.