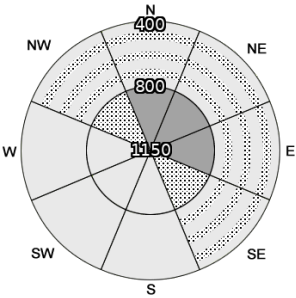


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 24/01/2014 TO 18:00HRS Sat 25/01/2014



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

The freezing level will gradually fall to around 500 metres through the period. Showers will fall as snow to progressively lower levels. Strong winds will be from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack will consolidate in the falling temperatures. Areas of fresh unstable windslab will be deposited on mainly North to East aspects above around 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Freshly formed cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 24/01/2014

Observed Weather Influences

It was a dull overcast day with rain at all levels during the afternoon. The freezing level rose above the tops through the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of windslab exist on mainly North to East aspects above 800 metres. Other aspects are affected by cross loading. This was becoming progressively less stable as the freezing level rose and the snowpack became wet. Cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Travel conditions variable, snowpack soft in some areas, firm in others. Cloud base was at 700 metres most of the day. Winds 30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.
Comments	A windy weekend expected.