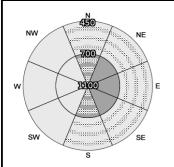
Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 20/12/2014 TO 18:00HRS Sun 21/12/2014



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

Much milder conditions in prospect with heavy rain at all levels from the early hours and continuing all day. Winds will be strong mainly South Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A change to wet and mild conditions will induce instability in all recent snow accumulations mainly on North-East to South-East aspects above 700m, where avalanches are likely. All cornices will become unstable and prone to sudden collapse. Much better stability on all recent windward slopes and exposed ridge lines. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 20/12/2014

Observed Weather Influences

Persistent overnight snow showers tapered out during daylight hours. Cold with very strong and blustery West winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Deep unstable windslab lies on many steep North- East to South-East facing slopes and gullies above 700m. Recent avalanche debris noted on several North-East and South-East aspects above 800m. Fragile cornices remain in place above most steep lee slopes. Best stability to be found on most recent windward slopes. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	No snow below 400m but with heavy drifting at higher altitudes. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions Cold clear conditions at times, high cloud later
Comments	Significant period of thaw and heavy rain forecast. Very poor mountain conditions in prospect.