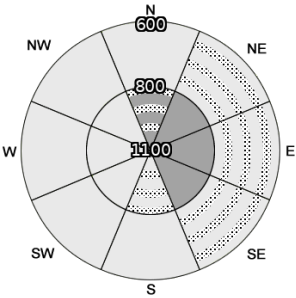


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 08/01/2015 TO 18:00HRS Fri 09/01/2015



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

Rapid weather changes over the 24hr period. Overnight snowfall tapering out by mid morning. Very strong Westerly winds easing during the day. Freezing level rising to 900m overnight, falling to 500m during the morning then rising to 1000m in the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Period of poor stability overnight. Stability then expected to decline progressively through the day on all North-East to South-East aspects above 800m where avalanches are likely. All new and recent cornices will be weak and prone to collapse. Good stability on all wind-exposed slopes and gullies. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 08/01/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight snow showers persisted throughout the day. Cold with strong mainly West-South-Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Drifting was continuous all day above 800m giving rise to new weak windslab build up on sheltered North-East to South-East aspects above that altitude. New cornice development high on steepest lee slopes. Good stability on windward aspects where the old snowpack is crusty or hard depending on altitude. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Wind scoured and bare on some aspects. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow during afternoon
Comments	3-4cm of fresh snow at 400m on Thursday, drifting all day above 800m. Windward areas scoured. Very stormy 48hrs ahead.