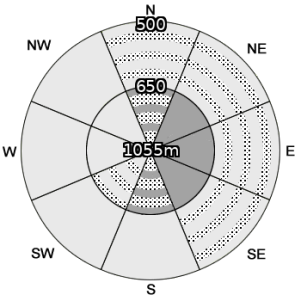


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 16/01/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sat 17/01/2015



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

The wind will ease overnight and back from West to South-South-West during the day. Snow and snow showers will continue through the forecast period and the freezing level will remain at 200 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of poorly bonded windslab will become more widespread with areas most affected North-East to South-East aspects above 650 metres. Windslab will also accumulate on other aspects in sheltered locations mainly in gully tops and steep coire headwalls. Cornices will continue to develop and become unstable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 16/01/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Heavy showers of snow and hail on a strong North-West wind. Freezing level around 150 metres. Snow at all levels in the showers. High wind chill factor.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of poorly bonded windslab have developed mainly on East to South-East aspects above 650m. Windslab lies on other aspects due to cross loading. There are instabilities in the old snowpack . The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Good visibility Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts
Comments	Breakable crust up to 700m with areas of deep fresh snow. The ridges and summits generally remain clear of snow.