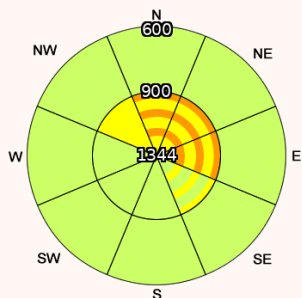


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 23/12/2015 TO 18:00HRS Thu 24/12/2015



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
<b>Very High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>Considerable</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
<b>Moderate</b>	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
<b>Low</b>	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

### Forecast Weather Influences

Overnight the freezing level will rise above the summits with very strong Southerly winds and heavy rain. The temperature will drop rapidly before dawn to give a day with strong South-West winds and showers falling as snow to around 500 metres.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There will be a period of increased instability during the night when avalanches are likely in steep corries and gullies on North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. The existing snowpack will then start to freeze. Fresh unstable windslab will form with greatest accumulations in sheltered locations on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 23/12/2015

### Observed Weather Influences

Strong South-West winds and snow showers. Freezing level around 800 metres.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab mainly on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The old snowpack is frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No snow below 500m but with drifting at higher altitudes. Clear at times with poor visibility in clouds and snow . Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.

#### Comments

Another windy day but looking a bit more like winter.