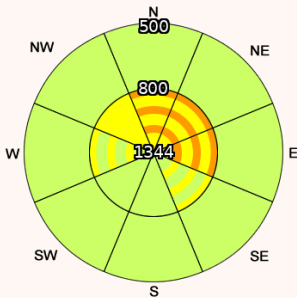


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 24/12/2015 TO 18:00HRS Fri 25/12/2015



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

Strong South-West winds overnight easing by dawn then slowly backing to East-South-East by the afternoon. Showers throughout the period falling as snow above 500 metres. Freezing level around 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will be deposited with greatest accumulations in sheltered locations on North to East aspects above 800 metres. There will be some redistribution during the day to West and North-West aspects. Old snow on other aspects will be frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 24/12/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Strong South-West winds with frequent showers falling as snow above 600 metres. Freezing level around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh accumulations of unstable windslab on North-West through North to East aspects mainly above 800 metres. The old snowpack is generally consolidated and where exposed is starting to freeze. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No snow below 500m but with drifting at higher altitudes. Cloud base varying with some poor visibility. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.

Comments

Looking much less windy for Christmas Day - Merry Christmas.