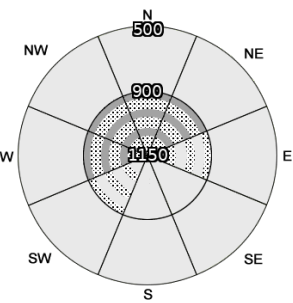


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 26/12/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sun 27/12/2015



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

Some new snow overnight then a return to drier and less windy conditions tomorrow. Winds will be fresh initially South-Westerly backing South-Easterly later. The freezing level will be around 950 metres for much of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Slopes exposed to recent strong winds will remain scoured and icy at higher elevations. Areas of unstable windslab will exist mainly above 850 meters in sheltered summit gullies and sheltered locations on slopes with West through North to North-Easterly aspect. Gully exits and steeper scarp slopes will be most affected. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 26/12/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Winds have been strong generally from an Easterly direction, persistent but mainly light snow has been affecting slopes above 600 metres for much of today. The freezing level is around 800 metres

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Slopes exposed to the recent strong winds are scoured with an icy surface forming at higher elevations. New snow and wind transport of existing snow have formed areas of unstable windslab mainly above 850 metres in sheltered summit gullies and on South-West to Northerly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	No snow below 500m but drifting at higher altitudes. No visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds very strong at times.
Comments	Blustery conditions today but a calmer outlook for tomorrow.