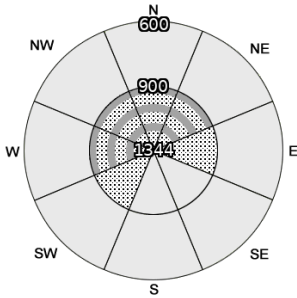


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 26/12/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sun 27/12/2015



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

Easterly winds decreasing to moderate and veering South-West overnight then backing South-East during the day. Snow showers overnight followed by a mainly dry day. Freezing level around 900 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will continue to build with the greatest accumulations on West to North aspects above 900 metres. Older windslab will remain mainly on North-East to East aspects above 900 metres. There will be further snow redistribution in the varying winds. Scoured and icy conditions in wind exposed places. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 26/12/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Strong East winds and snow showers. Freezing level around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab accumulations are mainly present in gullies and corrie backwalls on South-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. Other aspects and some wind exposed ridges are firm and stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow in drifts with some exposed areas scoured. Poor visibility above 1000 metres. Strong winds making progress difficult and tiring.

Comments

Snow being redistributed in strong Easterly winds today.