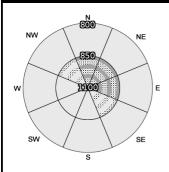
## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 31/12/2015 TO 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2016



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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 overnight snow showers on strong South-West to West-South-West winds, easing later. Freezing level around 500m throughout.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Good stability on all slopes exposed to the wind. New marginally bonded windslab will accumulate on steeper North to East aspects above 850m. Most affected areas will be gully exits and the top of steep scarp slopes. Some new soft cornice development expected over steepest lee slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

# **Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 31/12/2015**

### Observed Weather Influences

A few light overnight snow showers on moderate West- South-West winds. Dry and quite bright at times during the day, mist at altitude later. Generally cold temperatures.

## Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Sparse, patchy cover limited to areas above 750m. Refreeze stabilised the old moist snowpack in all locations. A few pockets of thin and moderately stabilised windslab formed overnight on steepest North to East aspects above 900m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

### **Mountain Conditions**

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing snowpack, better above 800 metres. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and in afternoon. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts
Comments	Cosmetic cover of thin snow on Thursday disguising an otherwise sparse and patchy snowpack. Some more snow expected overnight and into New Years Day morning. Snowfall down to 200m for a time overnight.