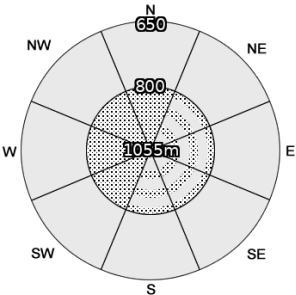


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 20/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2016



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

Most notable will be a rise in temperature with the daytime freezing level well above the summits. South-East winds will strengthen overnight to around 35mph during the day. A period of sleet and snow with rain at lower levels is expected midday to early afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A period of moderate instability in the snowpack will occur during the day due to mild conditions accompanied by rain, sleet and snow. Most affected will be localised areas on steep slopes above 800 metres mainly on South-West, through West to North aspects. Other aspects will be affected to a lesser degree. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 20/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

A relatively calm day with light, mostly Southerly winds. Cloudy at first, with the cloud base rising above the summits later, becoming broken. Milder than of late with the freezing level around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A damp and consolidating snowpack at lower levels. Above 800 metres, weaknesses persist in the snowpack, mainly localised steep slopes on South-West, through West to North aspects. Steep gully exits and corrie rims are particularly affected. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing snowpack at lower levels, good above 650 metres. Generally good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh and cooling.
Comments	A relatively good day in the mountains after the cloud lifted above the summits. Flat light at higher levels and a cold wind persisted through the day. Water ice more prominent on some crags.