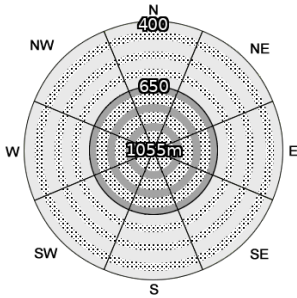


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2016**



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
<b>Very High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>Considerable</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
<b>Moderate</b>	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
<b>Low</b>	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

**Forecast Weather Influences**

It is expected to be mild with the freezing level above the summits, though dropping towards the higher summits during the afternoon. Rain is expected at all levels until the afternoon when showers will fall as snow on the higher summits. Winds will be strong South-East increasing very strong and veering South-South-Westerly.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Instabilities will increase as rain affects the snowpack at all levels and on all aspects, and avalanches are likely. Greatest accumulations of snow are on South-West through West to North aspects. Cornices will be unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/01/2016**

**Observed Weather Influences**

During the day light precipitation fell as rain at most levels. Winds were moderate mainly South-Easterly.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Weaknesses remain in the snowpack on most aspects, mainly above 700 metres. Greatest accumulations are on South-West through West to North aspects with steep slopes most affected. The snowpack at lower levels is consolidating and is generally stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Icy paths at lower and mid levels. Snow cover above around 500m, with deep drifts in places. Good visibility. Winds approx 15 - 20 mph.

**Comments**

A wet and very windy day in prospect on Friday.