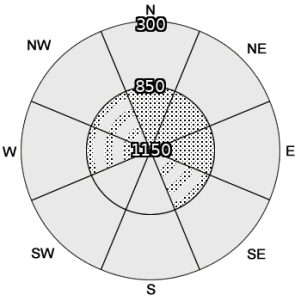


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/01/2016



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

Overnight, precipitation and winds should ease for a while and the freezing level will fall to around 600 metres. During the day snow showers above 500 metres lowering to 300 metres as the freezing level lowers. The winds will be moderate to fresh from a Westerly direction.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old wet snowpack will start to refreeze, consolidate and strengthen. New deposits of fresh snow will fall above 500 metres with the greatest accumulations being above 850 metres. Deposits of poorly bonded windslab will develop in sheltered locations on North to East facing aspects. New fragile cornices will also form on similar aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight, snow showers fell above 800 metres with strong Southerly winds. During today the freezing level has risen above the summits again, plus 5 degrees at 1130 metres. Copious amounts of rain fell at all levels along with gale force South-Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Most of the new snow that fell last night has thawed and the snowpack remains wet in all locations. Wet snow instabilities are present but are generally confined to the steepest North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. The remaining cornices are unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Wet snow at all elevations, any new snow diminishing fast in the heavy rain. Poor visibility throughout the day above 400 metres. Strong/Gale force South-Westerly winds.
Comments	Confidence in new snow amounts for tomorrow is low.