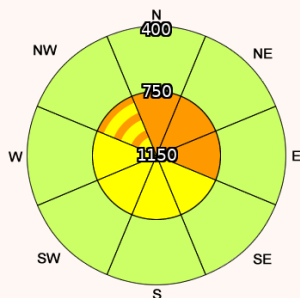


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 28/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Fri 29/01/2016**



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**

Overnight, the freezing level will rise to above the summits with heavy amounts of rain. During the day the freezing level will lower to around 600 metres with some snow showers. Through the period the winds will be strong to storm force from the South-West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Overnight, snowpack stability will deteriorate rapidly as heavy rain takes effect and avalanches are likely on most steep aspects above 750 metres. Snowpack stability will improve as the freezing level lowers during the day. New snow accumulations are not expected to be extensive but windslab will develop in sheltered locations. The greatest deposits will be on North to East aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 28/01/2016**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Persistent snow showers mainly above 400 metres, these have been accompanied by very strong South-Westerly winds. The freezing level started to rise this afternoon from 500 metres to summit level.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Areas of weakly bonded windslab are present mainly on steep and sheltered North to East aspects above 750 metres. Other aspects have localised instabilities due to cross loading. New unstable cornices over hang most lee slopes. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow above 400 metres some deeper drifts at higher altitudes. Poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Strong to gale force South-Westerly winds.

**Comments**

Very unsettle weather pattern for the next few days.