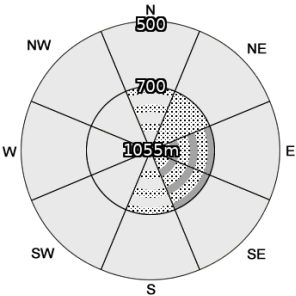


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/02/2016



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

Frequent squally showers overnight will merge into more prolonged periods of precipitation during the day, with snow above 500 metres and peaking around mid afternoon. The storm force Westerly wind will gradually ease to 20 mph by the end of the period and veer North-Westerly. The freezing level will fluctuate around 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant accumulations of fresh, poorly bonded windslab will be deposited in sheltered locations, mainly above 700 metres, on North-East to South-East aspects. Areas most affected will be the tops of gullies, corrie rims and steep flanks of ridges. Other aspects will be affected due to cross loading. Windward slopes will be scoured. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight heavy rain at all levels gave way to frequent intense squally showers during the day. Showers increasingly turned to hail and graupel through the afternoon as the freezing level dropped to around 700 metres. The storm force Westerly wind persisted through the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A heavy thaw overnight resulted in a diminished and saturated snowpack. Areas of most snow are on North-East to South-East aspects above 750 metres, which refroze and stabilised by the afternoon. A light cover of new snow in sheltered areas was noted above 700 metres by early afternoon, The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing wet snowpack, patchy above 800 metres. Good visibility between showers, but poor during. Winds approx 70 mph and gusting above, serious and challenging conditions.
Comments	The overnight thaw has significantly reduced the snow cover. Colder later, snow forecast tomorrow, rain at lower levels.