

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Friday 23/12/2016

Avalanche Problems



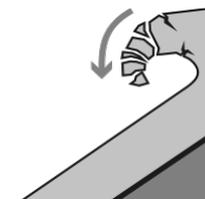
Wind Slab



Persistent Weak Layers



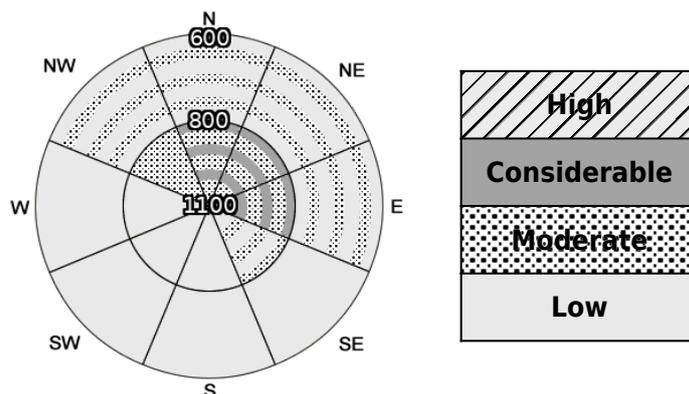
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will continue to be deposited with greatest accumulations on North to East aspects above 800 metres. More localised deposits will be found on North-West and South-East aspects due to cross loading. There will be a period of increased instability during the day in the warmer and wetter weather when avalanches are likely. Cornices will form above these aspects and be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

Strong West-South-West winds backing South and becoming very strong by dawn then veering West-South-West during the day. Snow showers throughout becoming heavy and falling as rain on all but the highest summits during the morning. Freezing level rising from around 600 metres to just above summit level by midday, then falling to around 700 metres by the end of the period.

Comments

Lots of soft fresh snow making progress on foot difficult but no base to it so skiing would be difficult too. A brief warmer period tomorrow when avalanches are likely followed by colder temperatures will help with the consolidation of the snowpack.



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