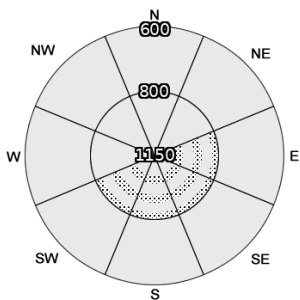


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/12/2017



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

A dry but cloudy day is forecast. Winds will be strong North-Westerly overnight, decreasing to moderate Westerly by the end of the period. Freezing level around 500 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised accumulations of moderately bonded snow will be found in steeper, sheltered locations on East through South to South-West aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/12/2017

Observed Weather Influences

Light, occasional snow showers on strong Northerly winds. Minus two degrees centigrade at 900 metres at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a thin general covering of snow with deepest accumulations being found on East through South to South-West aspects above 600 metres. Deposits are consolidating with some moderately bonded windslab present above 800 metres. Moderately to poorly bonded snow is present in a few steeper, sheltered locations. Two small sets of recent avalanche debris were noted on a South-East aspect at 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Variable thin cover from valley level with deeper drifts above 650m. Visibility poor during showers but generally good. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.
Comments	Water-ice noted on some paths and tracks