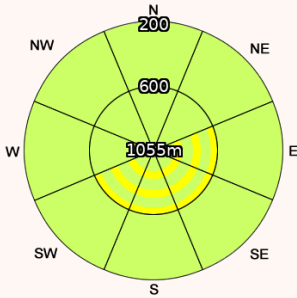


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 25/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Tue 26/12/2017



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

There will be light snowfall throughout the period, peaking in the afternoon with some moderately heavy wintry showers. The freezing level will lower to 400 metres, with snow lying above 200 metres, by the end of the day. Light Easterly winds will freshen by daybreak, backing generally North-West overnight.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of fresh moderately well bonded windslab will develop in localised sheltered locations, most notably steep slopes, East through South to South-West aspects mainly above 600 metres. Most affected will be gully exits, ridge flanks and coire headwalls, particularly where the windslab overlies firm old snow. The existing patchy snowpack will remain stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 25/12/2017

Observed Weather Influences

Rain at first, with light snow above 500 metres, eased by mid morning. It remained cloudy with light North-West winds. The freezing level hovered around 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a general covering of new snow, mainly above 650 metres. Although some fresh soft windslab exists in sheltered locations, East to South-East aspects, amounts are not significant. The patchy old snowpack is re-freezing and is firm, particularly at higher elevations and remains stable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing old snowpack, patchy above 800 metres, with a dusting fresh snow above 500 metres. Cloudy, but generally clear summits. Winds 10mph or less.

Comments

Still very wet underfoot. The old snow is re-freezing with a surface crust. Less fresh snow than expected.