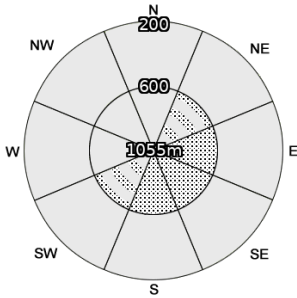


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/12/2017**



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**

Fresh winds will be mainly North-Westerly increasing to strong later. Moderate snow showers are expected throughout the period. The freezing level will be around 350 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Areas of moderately well bonded wind slab will build on North-East through South to South-Westerly aspects above 600 metres. Most affected will be corrie headwalls and gully tops, particularly where new deposits overly older snow patches. Cornices will develop on corrie rims on similar aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/12/2017**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Moderate snow showers on fresh Northerly winds with the freezing level around 400 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

There is a good covering of snow above around 180 metres with some deeper deposits on East through South to South-Westerly aspects above 600 metres. These new deposits are generally well bonded to the older firm snow patches. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow cover above 180 metres - difficult walking with fresh snow on loose scree. Poor visibility this morning which improved later with some bright periods. Winds 20 - 30 mph on summit ridges transporting snow to leeward aspects.

**Comments**

An increasingly wintery feel with some nice snow cover, occasional bright periods later giving some superb photo opportunities. Cold in the wind.