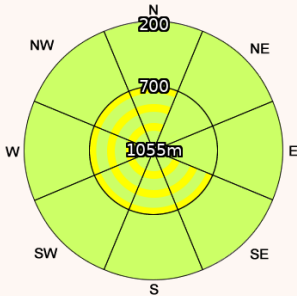


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 31/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Mon 01/01/2018



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

Light snowfall above 700 metres will continue throughout the period, climbing to 750 metres as the freezing level rises to 800 metres by the end of the day. The moderate North-West wind will ease overnight, backing East by daybreak, freshening and backing West through the day. Staying cloudy.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weaknesses will persist in the snowpack, particularly where it gains depth and extent on steep slopes, South-East through South-West to North aspects mainly above 700 metres. Fresh snow will continue to settle above 700 metres but amounts are not expected to be significant. The snowpack will continue to thaw at lower levels with good stability. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 31/12/2017

### Observed Weather Influences

Bands of rain, with snow generally above 700 metres, throughout the day. Remaining cloudy but with some brighter intervals. Light to moderate winds, Easterly initially, quickly backing West by late morning. Freezing level around 750 metres.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a light covering of fresh snow, mainly above 700 metres. Weaknesses persist in the snowpack, particularly where it gains depth and extent on steep slopes, South-East through South-West to North aspects above 700 metres. At lower levels, the snowpack continues to slowly thaw and has good stability. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Extensive areas of deep snow particularly at mid levels - hard going on foot, knee deep in places! A day of flat light and little definition. Winds approximately 10 - 20 mph fresh and cooling.

#### Comments

Take a friend to help break trail if you're venturing off the beaten track! Better walking once on the tops. Rimed up rocks noted at summit levels.