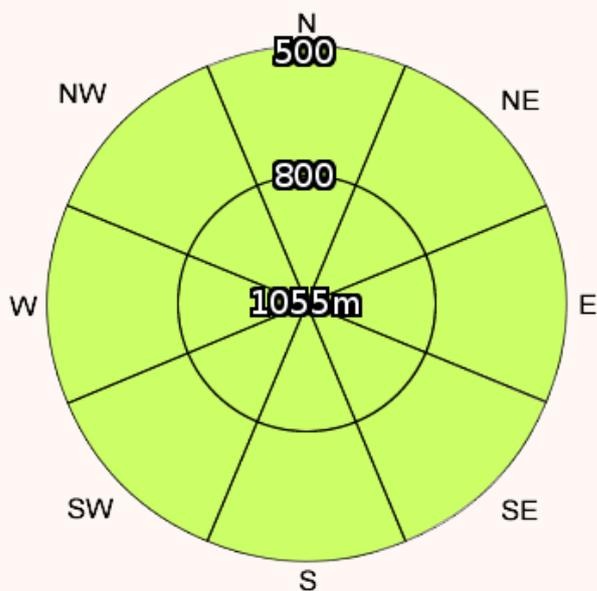


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 13/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sun 14/01/2018**



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**

Rain will arrive by the afternoon, with summit snow and snow briefly to lower levels mid afternoon. Most notably, the strong South-South-East airflow will veer South-South-West and strengthen to gale and severe gale, gusting stronger by the end of the period. The freezing level will lower from above summits overnight to around 800 metres by the end of the afternoon.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Through the afternoon, fresh accumulations of windslab will develop in sheltered locations, North to East aspects, mainly above 800 metres. However, amounts are not expected to be significant. Otherwise, the general snowpack will continue to have good stability. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 13/01/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A largely dry morning and patchy light rain in the afternoon as cloud thickened from the West with cloud bases mainly above summits. A light to moderate East wind freshened later, particularly at higher elevations. The freezing level was around 850 metres at midday.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

There is a slow thaw below 800 metres with the snow surface softening. However, there is good snowpack stability throughout. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Slowly diminishing snowpack, good above 500 metres. Good visibility, but patchy summit cloud. Summit winds 20-30mph.

**Comments**

Wind not as strong as expected. Thawing snowpack below 800 metres. Breakable crust persists.