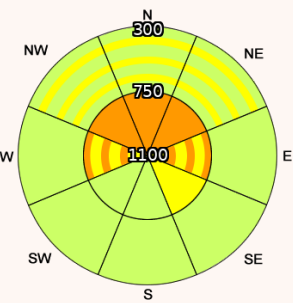


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 20/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sun 21/01/2018



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

Dry and very cold overnight with light variable winds. Snowfall and drifting from mid morning as showers kick in and winds become South-Easterly, initially moderate rising to strong before midday.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability will decline quickly on lee slopes with the onset of stronger winds and snowfall. Drifting snow expected from mid morning onwards. Poorest stability will be on steep North-West through North to North-East aspects above 750m, with cross-loading on selected West and East aspects. Rising temperatures towards the end of the period will further enhance instability. Avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 20/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A few light snow showers overnight then dry. Cold but less so in direct sunlight. Light variable winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab on most steep lee slopes above 700m. Most affected locations are North through East to South-East facing gullies and coire back walls. Weak cornices overhang many of these places, some large. Windslab is also present at lower altitudes on similar aspects but here it's showing marginal consolidation. Cold temperatures maintaining buried weak layers. Recent debris from a cornice triggered avalanche on a steep South-East aspect at 700m. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Deep snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured Cold clear conditions Winds approx 10mph or less
Comments	Stability expected to decline from mid morning onwards.