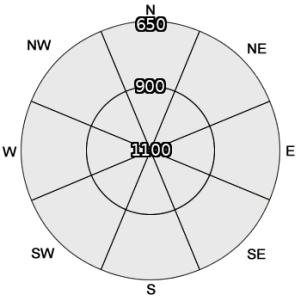


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 18/12/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 19/12/2018



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

Generally dry and becoming much cooler. A few light snow showers are possible very late in the forecast period. Moderate to strong Southerly winds, later South-Easterly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Cooler, drier conditions will improve stability on all aspects and at all altitudes. A trace of new snow is possible on North aspects later but new accumulations expected to be trivial. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 18/12/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Milder temperatures and persistent rain from the morning onwards; drier later. Winds have been very strong Southerly or South-Westerly easing to moderate by afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is significantly reduced and the surface layers are wet at all altitudes. Overall stability is improving progressively but some localised wet snow instability persists on some steeper North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 950 metres. Recent cornice debris noted on a very steep East-North-East aspect in Coire Chriochairein. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Wet snowpack. No visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.
Comments	Summit air temperatures projected to fall to -2 by mid morning.