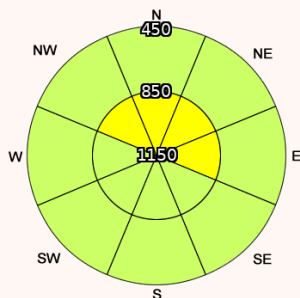


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 15/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Mon 16/12/2019**



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**

Overnight, mainly dry conditions with the freezing level around 400 metres. Winds, strong, South-South-Westerly and starting to back. During the day winds will ease before strengthening again becoming Southerly. The freezing level will slowly rise to around 800 metres by the afternoon with snow showers, heavy for a short period.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Further accumulations of localised moderately bonded windslab will accumulate mostly on North-West through North to East aspects above 850 metres. Areas mainly affected will be steep, sheltered locations, particularly corrie rims, gully flanks and exits. Other aspects may also be affected due to cross loading and cornices will be soft and fragile. On other aspects and also lower elevations the snowpack will be generally stable and will start to diminish. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 15/12/2019**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Intermittent snow showers fell through the day mainly above 400 metres. The winds were fresh from a South-Westerly direction and the freezing level was around 550 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Localised accumulations of moderately bonded windslab are present in sheltered locations mainly on North to East aspects above 850 metres. Greatest deposits are in steep sheltered locations with corrie rims, gully exits and steep convexities being particularly affected. Cornices are soft and fragile. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Deep snow cover in places above 850 metres - exposed ridges less so. Whiteout conditions at times with poor visibility above 900 metres better at lower elevations and in between snow showers. South-Westerly winds approx 10 - 25 mph.

**Comments**

Becoming slightly milder but occasionally some heavy snow showers these turning to rain below 700-800 metres on Monday afternoon.