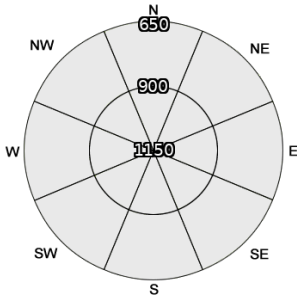


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 28/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sun 29/12/2019



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

Overnight, heavy rain with freezing levels well above the summits. Drier conditions are expected during the day. South-Westerly gales throughout the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instabilities will persist mainly on steep North to Easterly aspects above 950 metres. Gullies, coire rims, and scarp slopes will be most affected. Remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 28/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level has remained well above the summits and persistent rain fell at all levels. The winds were strong from a Southerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is moist throughout, localised wet snow instabilities exist on many steep aspects. Areas particularly affected are gully exits, coire rims and steep slopes on North to East aspects above 950 metres. Cornices above these aspects are weak and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout, greatest snow amounts above 900 metres. Very wet, driving rain with poor visibility throughout the day above 800 metres accompanied by strong Southerly winds.

Comments

Severe gales or storm force winds across the summits tonight and Sunday morning. Getting slightly colder on Monday.