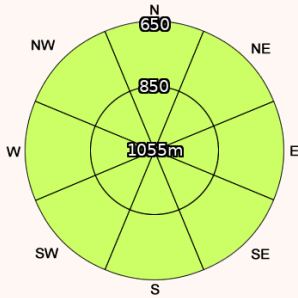


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 29/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Mon 30/12/2019



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

The very strong South-West wind will moderate overnight veering West as a weak cold front crosses the area. It will become colder as the freezing level steadily drops to around 900 metres by the afternoon. Periods of light rain, expected wintry on the summits during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A dusting of fresh snow is likely through the day at summit levels with shallow and localised pockets of windslab possible in steep sheltered locations, chiefly Easterly aspects. Otherwise, the sparse old patches of snow will re-freeze at higher elevations with a surface crust forming. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 29/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Very strong South-South-West wind, severe gales at summit level. Low cloud and pulses of light rain throughout the day, interspersed with brighter spells, particularly away from the coast. Very mild.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Patchy and very sparse snow cover, wet and thawing at all levels. Most snow remains above 850 to 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing and wet patchy snowpack, most snow is avoidable. Cloud base was around 700 to 800 metres all day. Summit winds approx 50 - 60 mph - progress very difficult with potential to be blown over.

Comments

The hills likely to look more wintry tomorrow, but briefly! Remaining cloudy. Brighter spells later away from the coast.