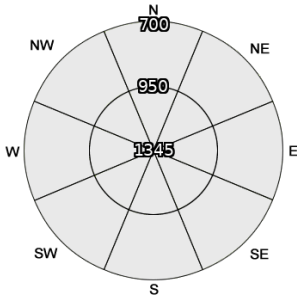


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 29/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Mon 30/12/2019**



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**

The freezing level will remain above the summits overnight and during the morning, with persistent rain at all levels. During the afternoon the freezing level will lower to around 950 metres, and precipitation will turn increasingly to snow. Strong South-Westerly winds will gradually ease during the period, and then veer to be moderate West-North-Westerly during the afternoon.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Overnight and during the morning the existing snowpack will continue to thaw, then as the freezing level lowers the surface will start to refreeze. This old snowpack will be generally stable. During the afternoon some fresh windslab will be deposited in sheltered areas, mainly on North-East to South-East aspects above 950 metres, but accumulations are expected to be localised. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 29/12/2019**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a mild mainly dry day with the freezing level above all summits. Winds were very strong and generally South-South-Westerly.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack continues to thaw and consolidate at all levels, and is generally stable. Greatest accumulations of snow lie on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Remaining cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Diminishing snowpack. Cloud base was around 900m. Winds approx 40-50 mph.

**Comments**