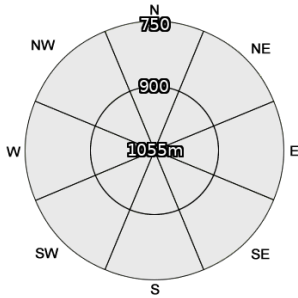


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 01/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 02/01/2020**



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**

It will be a mild, wet and very windy day, with summit South to South-West winds forecast in excess of 50mph with stronger gusts, but slowly easing through the day, Persistent rain at all levels during the day, turning wintry on the higher tops late in the day, as the freezing level lowers to around 1000 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Small patches and strips of relatively firm, stable old wet snow will remain around the higher summit slopes and will be generally avoidable. A dusting of fresh snow is likely above 950 metres at the end of the day, with possible deeper accumulations in steep sheltered North to East aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 01/01/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A largely dry and cloudy day, cloud bases around 750 metres and thick enough for occasional spots of drizzle. Cool, as the summit air temperature stayed around 0 C and a persistent strong to gale force South-West wind.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Only small patches and strips of old snow remain around the higher summits and summit slopes and generally avoidable. The old snow is relatively firm and stable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Small localised old snow patches continue to slowly thaw. Cloud base was around 750 metres all day. Summit winds approximately 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

**Comments**

Colder air arriving behind tomorrow's rain with snow showers to relatively low levels on Friday but becoming milder again later on Friday into the weekend.