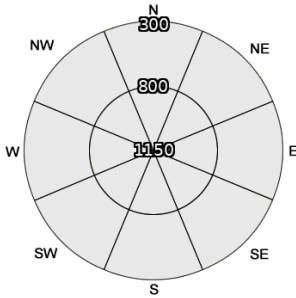


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 11/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 12/01/2020**



| 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**

During the latter part of the night the freezing level will start to lower reaching 600 metres by the end of the period. Snow showers through this period falling to lower levels, to around 300 metres. Winds will be strong West-South-Westerly, gale force at times over the higher summits.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The remaining moist snowpack will refreeze. New snow accumulations will develop windslab in sheltered locations, where it gains depth, mainly on North to Easterly aspects above 800 metres it will be poorly bonded. These areas are not expected to be extensive. However, sheltered locations like coire rims, ridge flanks and gully exits will be particularly affected. Elsewhere a thin cover of new snow will lie on bare ground and stability will be generally good. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 11/01/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Overnight, the freezing level rose to well above the summits with storm force South-Westerly winds also with heavy, persistent rain. These conditions have continued through the day resulting in a massive thaw, stripping most of the snow cover. The freezing level did lower slightly around midday to around 1200 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Most of the snow cover has been stripped away by the massive thaw conditions. Some older snow patches that were previously frozen hard still remain in high, sheltered, Northerly locations above 900 metres, but these are limited in extent. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Heavy rain to all levels gave greasy underfoot conditions with poor visibility and accompanied by storm force Southerly winds ... not the best of days. It did get slightly colder at the highest elevations later in the day.

**Comments**

Very strong winds the main feature of the weather, along with snow showers giving blizzard conditions at times at higher elevations.