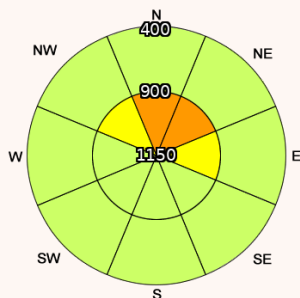


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 14/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 15/01/2020**



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**

Remaining cold, freezing around 400 metres rising to 800 metres by the afternoon. Snow showers continuing through the period with very strong South-Westerly winds.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Drifting snow will continue to develop unstable windslab accumulations. Greatest deposits forming in wind sheltered places these becoming more widespread on North-West through North to East aspects mainly above 900 metres. Wind sheltered areas such as coire headwalls, ridge flanks and gully exits will be particularly affected. Some other slope aspects may be affected due to cross loading. Windward slopes scoured. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 14/01/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

The freezing level was around 450 metres. There were frequent snow showers through the night these became more isolated during the day. The winds were very strong from a Southerly direction.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The strong winds have scoured many slopes redistributing snow to lower elevations. Localised accumulations of poorly bonded windslab exists in wind sheltered places mainly on North-West through North to North-Easterly aspects above 900 metres. Steep coire headwalls, sheltered gullies, scarp slopes and gully exits are most affected. Many areas are scoured and bare. Cornices are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Light snow cover above 300 metres, deeper accumulations in sheltered places above 800 metres. Winds were very strong Southerly scouring many slopes. Visibility was mostly good in the morning, poor at times in the snow showers in the afternoon.

**Comments**

Remaining cold, showery West or South-Westerly flow will give way to a much milder Southerly flow on Thursday.