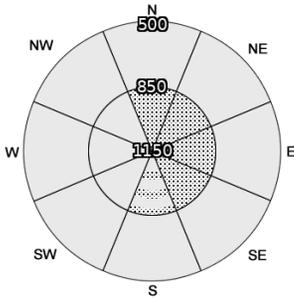


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 17/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 18/01/2020**



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**

Strong Westerly winds. Snow showers. Freezing level around 500 metres overnight rising to 700 metres during the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Areas of unstable windslab will continue to develop with greatest accumulations on North through East to South-East aspects above 850 metres. Steep wind sheltered locations such as corrie rims, ridge flanks and gullies will be most affected. Recently formed cornices will be fragile. The older snowpack will be frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 17/01/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Strong South-Westerly winds with showers, falling as snow above 600 metres. The freezing level was around 800 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The older snowpack is frozen firm and stable. Localised accumulations of fresh moderately bonded windslab are present in wind sheltered locations mainly on North to East aspects above 850 metres. Some fragile cornices are present above these aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Breakable crust, covered by fresh snow in places. Cloud base was around 900 metres. Winds 30-40 mph.

**Comments**

Reasonable looking weather for the weekend before warmer weather moves in next week.