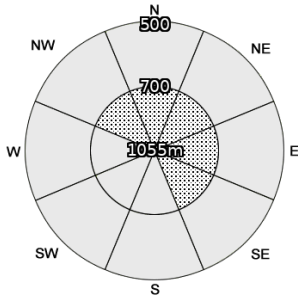


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 29/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 30/01/2020**



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 remain mild with the freezing level above the summits throughout the period. After a dry evening, precipitation will mainly fall as rain with perhaps sleet and snow on the higher tops. Moderate South-West winds overnight will strengthen to severe summit gales during the day, veering West later.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

With thawing conditions, there will be a heightened period of wet snowpack instability, particularly overnight, in localised areas of moderately bonded windslab. Most affected will be steep North-West through North-East to South-East aspects above 700 metres, on ridge flanks, coire rims, in gullies and crag aprons. Subsequently, the snowpack will start to consolidate. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 29/01/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Persistent rain, sleet and snow at higher elevations from mid morning as a warm front crossed the area. The freezing level rose steadily through the day to around 600 metres by midday. Wind, a strong West, backing and easing to a fresh South later.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Localised instabilities exist in areas of windslab, both recent and historic accumulations. Most areas of windslab are found on North to East aspects, mainly above 700 metres on ridge flanks, coire rims, gullies and crag aprons. Otherwise, there is a general shallow covering of soft snow, thawing at lower elevations. Some previously wind exposed areas remain scoured. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Diminishing snowpack, reasonable cover above 500 metres. Visibility poor, mostly flat light and little definition. Winds approximately 10 - 20 mph, stronger on the summits.

**Comments**

Most areas of windslab are avoidable. Milder and changeable for the next few days.