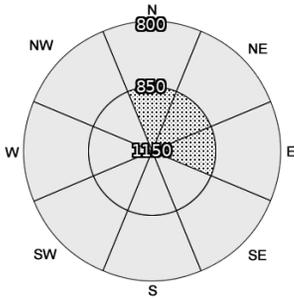


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 13/01/2021 TO 18:00HRS Thu 14/01/2021**



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**

New snow overnight and on Thursday will affect slopes above 800 metres, amounts of new snow are not expected to be great. Winds will be moderate to fresh East-South-East overnight veering to the South-West by day. The freezing level will be around 850 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The older snowpack will remain firm and icy in most locations maintaining good general stability. Unstable accumulations of windslab will form on steeper locations. Sheltered gullies and Northerly to Easterly aspects mainly above 850 metres will be mainly affected. These accumulations are not expected to be deep or extensive due to limited new snow forecast. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 13/01/2021**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Cold conditions overnight becoming milder today. Winds were generally moderate from the South-East, there have been light showers of snow at higher levels with freezing rain below 700 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

A recent melt-freeze cycle has rendered the snowpack firm with an icy surface in most locations. Stability is generally good. New snow amounts have not been significant. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Icy paths and hillsides, freezing rain affecting the area. A day of flat light and no definition. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph South-East

**Comments**

Icy conditions with freezing rain today at lower levels. Footpaths are very icy in places. Serious run out potential exists in event of an uncontrolled slip. Fresh windslab accumulations are not expected to be deep or extensive but bonding to underlying re-frozen snow will be poor.