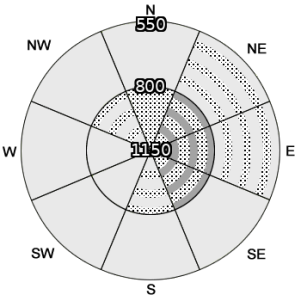


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 04/03/2015 TO 18:00HRS Thu 05/03/2015



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

The freezing level will rise above the summits with some very light rain later in the day. Gale force winds will increase during the day and mainly be from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability will become increasingly poor throughout the day with unstable accumulations found on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres, especially in the deeper more extensive poor to weakly bonded accumulations. Cornices on Easterly aspects will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 04/03/2015

Observed Weather Influences

A dry and bright day with strong winds from the West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been some consolidation of recent accumulations but deeper unstable windslab is still present mainly on North-East and Easterly aspects above 850 metres with localised areas also on Easterly aspects. Scoured areas and aspects are icy and stable. There was some loss of superficial snow at lower levels. Newly formed cornices were noted in places. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Firm snow - ice on most aspects. Cold clear conditions. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, easing slightly later.
Comments	Cornice collapse likely to be a trigger in thaw conditions. Good route selection will be essential for those out on the hill on Thursday.