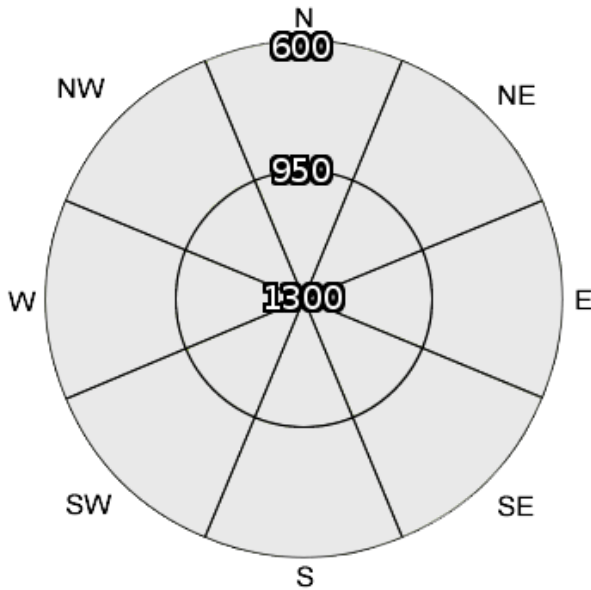


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 17/02/2017 TO 18:00HRS Sat 18/02/2017**



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
<b>Very High</b>	Widespread Natural and Human triggered avalanches will occur.
<b>High</b>	Natural and Human triggered avalanches will occur.
<b>Considerable</b>	Natural Avalanches possible. Human triggered avalanches are likely
<b>Moderate</b>	Natural Avalanches unlikely. Human triggered avalanches possible.
<b>Low</b>	Natural Avalanches very unlikely. Human triggered avalanches not likely.

**Forecast Weather Influences**

Light drizzle during the day, this will turn to light snowfall over the tops towards the end of the day as the freezing level falls to around summit levels. Winds will be Moderate to strong South to South-Westerly.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack will thaw at all altitudes but remain well bonded and stable throughout. Isolated pockets of windslab may form later in the day on North to East aspects above 1100 metres. Cornices which overhang most Northerly aspects will be a hazard and could potentially collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 17/02/2017**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A dry sunny day with light to moderate Southerly winds. The freezing level was just below the summits.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack is firm at higher altitudes and generally well bonded and stable throughout. Large unstable cornices overhang Northerly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Low

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Breakable crust in some areas, firm on shaded steep slopes. Good visibility, with patches of mist at plateau level. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.

**Comments**

Mild and damp with potential for rockfall and cornice collapse.