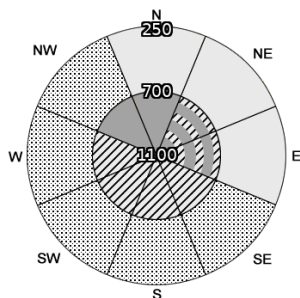


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 02/01/2010**



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**

The strong and cold Northerly airflow will back East and winds will become gale force at times with moderate snowfalls. It will remain cold with mid day summit temperatures of minus 6 degrees Celsius.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Moderate snowfalls will result with additional accumulations of weak windslab on South-East through South-West to Westerly aspects above 700 metres where avalanches will occur. On other aspects, gully exits, sheltered coire rims and slopes will also be affected with unstable localised windslab build up due to cross loading in the strong shifting winds. The avalanche hazard will be High

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 01/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Difficult high mountain conditions with blizzards and poor visibility at times during the scattered snow showers with mostly North East to Northerly winds

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

New snow instabilities have developed in the snowpack on mainly Southerly aspects and fresh accumulations of windblown snow have resulted in windslab deposits primarily on South to South-West aspects above 700m. On many other high sheltered aspects weak layers that exist within the snowpack are being further loaded. The avalanche hazard is High

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

General cover from 250m

**Comments**

Deep drifts in places, skis remain favoured form of transport.