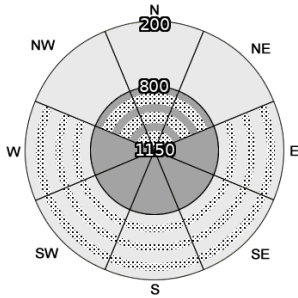


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 02/01/2010**



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**

Strong, gale force winds will initially be from the North-West overnight, veering to the East around dawn, easing through the day. It will remain cold with snow showers throughout the period.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab will continue to form in all sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will form on slopes with an East through South to Westerly aspect but other aspects could be affected particularly in all sheltered summit gullies and steep scarp slopes mainly above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Stability will be poor where these deposits attain any significant depth. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

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

**Observed Weather Influences**

It has been a bit milder today than of late. Winds have been fresh North-Easterly winds and there have been snow showers.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wind transport of snow continues to form unstable windslab in sheltered locations, particularly in all summit gullies and on steep slopes with a South through West to North-Westerly aspect above 850 metres. Where windslab has attained any significant depth bonding is poor. Elsewhere many windward slopes are becoming scoured giving a general improvement in stability. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow at most levels.

**Comments**

Areas of windslab will require great caution and careful route planning. Ice forming on a good number of routes now.