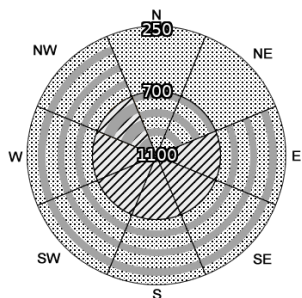


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 05/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 06/01/2010**



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**

Scattered snow showers are expected overnight and during the day. It will remain cold with fresh North-Easterly winds becoming Northerly during the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Snow will drift and form deep accumulations of poorly-stabilised windslab on all East through South to West aspects above 700 metres where avalanches will occur. Pockets of instability may also develop on some sheltered North-West facing gully tops and corrie backwalls. Weak, collapse-prone cornices will build over many of these locations. The avalanche hazard will be High.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 05/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It has remained cold with snow showers throughout the day accompanied by strong Northerly winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

New snow instabilities are widespread and there has been significant drifting with rapid windslab build up primarily on South- East through South to South West aspects. Buried weak layers persist and multiple easy shears where noted . A test slope was triggered on a steep 35 degree Southerly aspect at 750m. The avalanche hazard is High.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

General cover from 250m

**Comments**

Care needed with all high level sorties. Skis remain the best form of travel with drifting on all access paths.