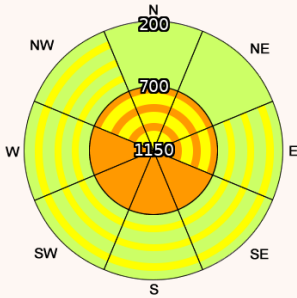


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 09/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 10/01/2010**



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**

It will remain cold and dry with strong winds from the North-East on Sunday.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wind transport of existing snow by the strong North-Easterly winds will form unstable accumulations of windslab in sheltered areas. Most affected will be sheltered gullies of all aspects and slopes with a South-East through South to Westerly aspect mainly above 700 metres. Steep scarp slopes and gully exits will be particularly affected. Avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 09/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Light snow fell overnight, It has remained cold and calm.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Many West through North to Easterly aspects have been scoured by recent strong winds. Stability is generally good in these areas but moderate to poorly bonded windslab exists on steeper slopes in many sheltered gullies and on South-East to South-Westerly aspects mainly above 800 metres. Snow quantities are subject to local variation throughout the area. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow at all levels, light general cover fell last night.

**Comments**

Unstable windslab accumulations in sheltered locations will require great caution and careful route planning. Ice is continuing to form on a good number of routes.