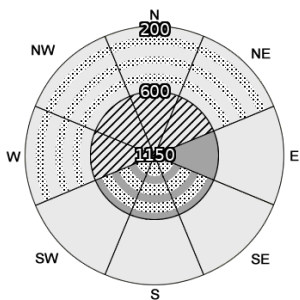


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 14/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 15/01/2010



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Persistent sleet and snow around dawn will turn to heavy rain for a time at all levels. Winds will be gale/severe gale from the South

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There will be unstable accumulations of snow in many sheltered gullies and hollows and also on West through North to Easterly aspects mainly above 600 metres. There will be a period of high instability as rain and milder conditions affect the area. Avalanches along with ice and rockfall will occur. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 14/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There have been snow showers above 300 metres. Winds have been from the South-East initially strong moderating through today.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There are areas of moderate to poorly bonded windslab in the most sheltered gullies and on slopes with a South-West to Northerly aspect mainly above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Snow on Thursday above 300 metres but level will rise rapidly with mild wet outlook.
Comments	Windy and wet outlook. High potential for avalanches ice and rockfall.