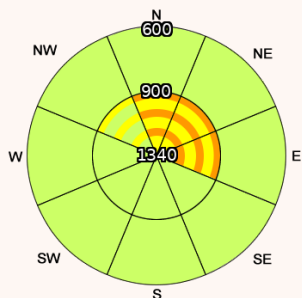


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 16/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 17/01/2010**



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**

Snow showers are expected above 900 metres with a moderate South veering South-West wind.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Fresh areas of unstable windslab will form mainly on steep North through North-East to East aspects above 900 metres. Below 900 metres the snowpack will be wet and generally stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 16/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

After a wet night, it was a relatively dry day with the freezing level at round 900m.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

A generally wet and stable snowpack is now present. Localised areas of fresh windslab has formed mainly on steep North-West through North to North-East aspects above 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

General cover above 700m, getting very patchy below this altitude.

**Comments**

Areas of water ice still present on paths at lower elevations.