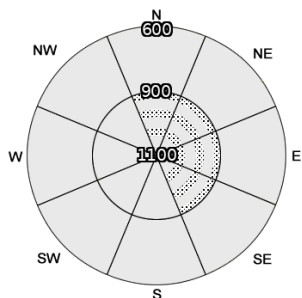


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 18/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 19/01/2010**



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 dry and the steady thaw will persist at all levels overnight with freezing levels around summits, lowering slightly to 900m by midday.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The old snowpack below 800m is now well consolidated and stable. Localised new snow instabilities will persist on mostly North through East to South-East aspects above 900m, especially on steep sheltered gully exits and around coire rims. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 18/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

There has been steady thaw below 800m with only a small amount of new snow on the very tops. Winds have been fresh mostly North-Westerly.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The thawing conditions with fluctuating temperatures have produced a more consolidated snowpack below 800m. At highest elevations a small amount of fresh snow has resulted in pockets of windslab development on North through East to South East aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Significant snow loss below 600m. Above 800m cover remains generally good.

**Comments**

Steady thaw to all levels with Freezing levels lowering to 900m during the day.