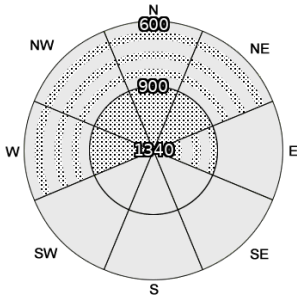


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 20/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2010**



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**

Light snow flurries are expected overnight, then a dry day, with a freezing level around 500m. The winds are expected to be South-Easterly, moderate overnight and increasing to very strong during the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Areas of windslab will be present, mainly on sheltered West through North to North-East aspects above 900m. Sheltered locations on other aspects will also be affected. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 20/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

The day was mainly dry, with a freezing level around 500m. The wind was strong, generally Southerly.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Localised areas of windslab are present in sheltered locations, mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 900m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Main accumulations above 750m.

**Comments**

Heavy snowfall is anticipated to start during Thursday evening.