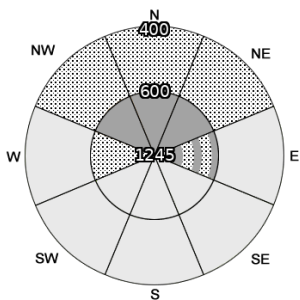


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2010



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

Overnight the wind will be very strong Southerly with moderate snowfall. During the day the wind will decrease in strength to light South-Westerly and will be mainly dry. The freezing level will be at 900 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab deposits will be present on mainly North-West to North-Easterly aspects above 600 metres where avalanches are likely, gully exits and corrie rims will be particularly affected. Localised unstable deposits will be present on other aspects due to cross loading. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a dry day with strong South-Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Heavy drifting has continued and unstable deposits of windslab have formed on mainly North-West to North-Easterly aspects above 600 metres. On other aspects localised accumulations have formed in sheltered hollows and steep areas. Below 600 metres the snowpack is generally more stable on all aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Scoured areas on windward slopes with large areas of neve.
Comments	Blizzards and snow overnight and into the morning, then calmer conditions expected.