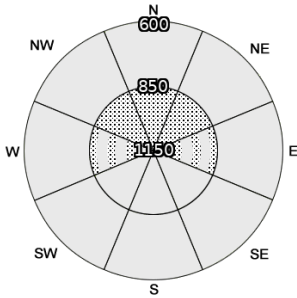


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 23/01/2010**



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 should remain dry with light North-Easterly winds and the freezing level dropping to around 800 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack will continue to consolidate as the freezing level drops and it will remain generally well bonded on all aspects. Above 900 metres on North-West through to North-East aspects some localised instabilities will be present in steep sheltered locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 22/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

During the day the winds have veered from South-East to South-West. During the night snow showers heavy at times with a rising freezing level and a slightly milder airstream affected the area.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The milder conditions have help to consolidate the snowpack which is now generally well bonded on most aspects. Some localised weakly bonded deposits exist on the steeper North-West through to North-East facing aspects and in sheltered gullies above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Main accumulations above 600 metres.

**Comments**

A ridge of high pressure should bring some dry more settled conditions.