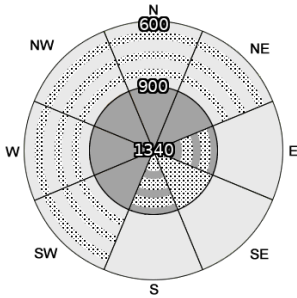


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 25/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 26/01/2010**



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**

Overnight snow will turn to rain as the freezing level rises well above the summits. Moderate winds will be from the South-West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The combination of overnight snow and the existing snowpack will result in soft windslab being present on many aspects above 900 metres by morning. This windslab will go through a period of instability as it becomes wet and begins to thaw. Avalanches are likely on steep slopes where significant deposits of windslab exist. Soft, recently formed cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 25/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a dry day with light South-Easterly winds. The freezing level was around 300 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack continues to slowly consolidate. Some instabilities exist in the soft surface layers of windslab. These are found mainly on steep South-West, through West to North aspects above 900 metres. Below this level the snowpack is hard, icy and well bonded. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good cover above 900m, but likely to be thawing rapidly at all levels on Tuesday.

**Comments**

Rock and ice fall an additional hazard during the thawing conditions.