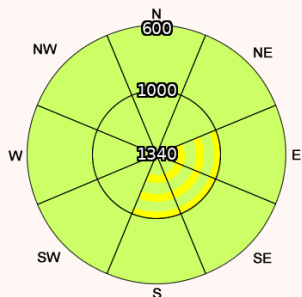


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/01/2010**



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**

Rain overnight will be followed by North-West winds and light snow showers during the morning

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

As the temperature falls in the morning, the existing snowpack will freeze and become stable. Localised areas of fresh windslab will start to form in sheltered locations, mainly on steep East, South-East and South aspects above 1000m. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Warmer conditions and rain at all levels.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Existing areas of unstable snow have started to consolidate in the warmer conditions. Localised areas of unstable snow are still present mainly on steep North-East and East aspects above 1000m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Wet snowpack at all levels

**Comments**

Climbing conditions expected to improve with the current thaw-freeze cycle