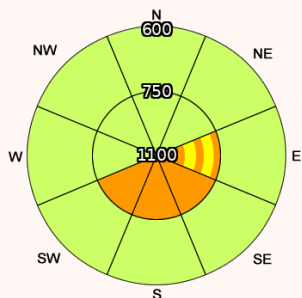


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 28/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 29/01/2010



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

Much colder temperatures with very strong Northerly winds and frequent snow showers.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will become heavily scoured, hard and stable in many locations. Weakly-stabilised windslab will form on very sheltered South-East through South to South-West aspects above 750m. Localised accumulations of windslab will also be cross-loaded in to some steep, sheltered East-facing gullies. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 28/01/2010

### Observed Weather Influences

Colder, but temperatures eased later. Infrequent very light snow showers on North-West then West winds.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The surface of the snowpack re-froze above 800m giving a crust that became thicker with altitude. Pockets of thin windslab were noted on steep North-East through East to South aspects above 950m. Stability is good in many locations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Effective snow line now approx 600m after the recent meltdown.

#### Comments

Very strong winds forecast. A lot of good sport to be had for those who are judicious in their choice of route.