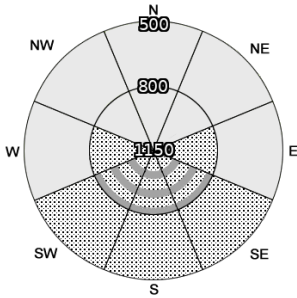


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 28/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 29/01/2010**



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**

It will generally be dry, but with odd snow showers being possible overnight and during the day. Strong winds will be from the North. It will be cold with the temperature below freezing at all levels.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Areas of soft, poorly bonded windslab will exist on South-East to South-West aspects above 800 metres. However these areas are not expected to be particularly extensive. Elsewhere will be generally well bonded and stable. Where exposed to the wind, the snowpack will be scoured, hard and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

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

**Observed Weather Influences**

After a cool night, the freezing level rose to around 1000 metres. There was some snow, mainly during the afternoon. The wind was from the North-West.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The colder overnight temperatures consolidated the existing snowpack. Fresh windslab was deposited on East to South aspects above 800 metres. These deposits tended to be quite shallow, and generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Patchy cover of generally firm snow above 600m.

**Comments**

Much colder conditions during Friday and through the weekend.