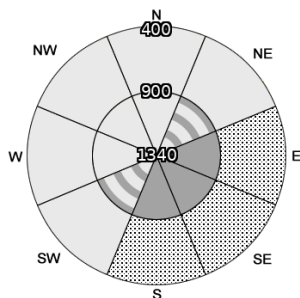


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 30/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2010**



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 remain cold with strong North-Westerly winds. Isolated overnight snow showers will become frequent during the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Soft poorly bonded windslab will be deposited mainly on East to South aspects above 900 metres. Localised patches will form in sheltered locations on other aspects due to cross loading. Avalanches are likely on steep slopes and gullies where significant quantities of this windslab accumulate. Freshly formed cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 30/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It has been cold with the temperature remaining below freezing at all levels. Overnight a little snow fell on a Northerly wind.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Windslab was observed on East through South to South-West aspects above 900 metres. The recently deposited surface layers are poorly bonded, but are very shallow. Deeper layers of windslab, which were deposited a few days ago, have consolidated, and show better stability. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good cover above 900 metres, a dusting of fresh snow to sea level.

**Comments**

The strong winds and low temperatures mean it will feel very cold on the hill on Sunday.