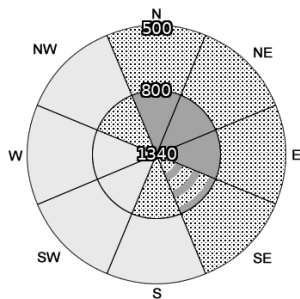


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 01/02/2010**



| 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 be dry overnight. Showers in the morning will give way to a more consistent period of precipitation. This will fall as snow above around 500 metres. Moderate winds will be from the South West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Through the day soft, poorly bonded windslab will be deposited on North to East aspects above 800 metres. Some patches will also form in sheltered locations on other aspects. Stability is expected to decrease through the day as the windslab accumulates. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 31/01/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It has been cold with North-Westerly winds. It was generally dry, with a couple of snow showers during the afternoon.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Accumulations of windslab exist on East through South to South-West aspects above 900 metres. The surface layer of this windslab is soft and poorly bonded, but is generally shallow. This is overlying an older, denser well bonded layer. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good cover on the tops, light cover down to just above sea level.

**Comments**

Mountain conditions expected to deteriorate through Monday.