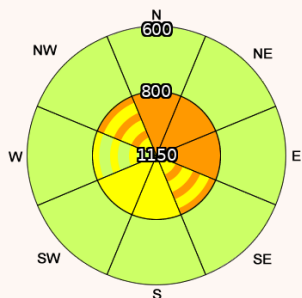


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 01/02/2010**



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 remain dry during the night with North-Westerly winds. During the day the winds will back to South-Westerly and become strong these will be accompanied by quite heavy snow showers. The freezing level will rise slightly to around 500 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab will develop during the day as snow showers start to affect the area. The greatest accumulations will form on sheltered North to East aspects above 800 metres. New deposits will be weakly bonded and avalanches are likely on steep slopes and in gullies where significant deposits have formed. Localised areas of windslab will also develop in other sheltered aspects due to cross loading. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

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

**Observed Weather Influences**

Overnight there was a dusting of snow with fresh North-Westerly winds and it was freezing at all levels. Today was mainly dry and cold with moderate North-Westerly winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Localised windslab deposits are present mainly on South-East through to South-West aspects above 850 metres. Windslab accumulations are weakly bonded but generally shallow and avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Main cover above 600 metres.

**Comments**

New snow might not start until Monday afternoon.