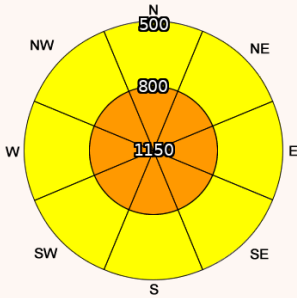


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 02/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 03/02/2010**



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 is expected to be dry overnight and through the morning. Snow will spread into the area through the afternoon. The freezing level will be around 300 metres. Overnight Northerly winds will veer to the South-East and strengthen.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Large quantities of soft unstable windslab will exist on mainly North through East to Southerly aspects which will very slowly consolidate through the period. Additionally, fresh poorly bonded windslab will accumulate later in the day on mainly South-West to Northerly aspects. Poorly bonded windslab will be present on many aspects above 900 metres where avalanches are likely, especially in steep slopes and gullies. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 02/02/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

After heavy overnight snow it was a dry and sunny day. Westerly winds veered to the North.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Soft, poorly bonded windslab was observed on North-East through East to South aspects above 900 metres. In general this windslab contains a number of weak layers, and is not well bonded to the older, firmer snowpack. Both natural and skier cut avalanches were observed on East and North-East aspects at 1000 metres. Stability very slowly improved through the day. The avalanche hazard is High.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good cover of soft snow at higher levels.

**Comments**

Travel on foot hard work at higher levels at the moment.