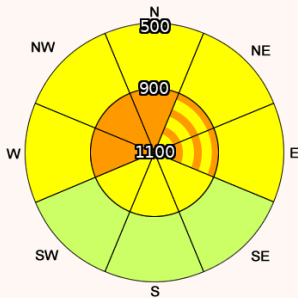


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 04/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 05/02/2010**



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**

Some patchy light snow is forecast for overnight and during the day. It will become a little cooler with moderate to strong South-East winds.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The consolidating trend will continue in pre-existing windslab deposits on slopes of all aspects. Stronger winds may re-distribute snow as marginally-stabilised windslab on West through North and some very sheltered North East aspects above 900m. Instability will become more widespread if drifting is prolonged. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 04/02/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

The day was dry and mild after overnight snowfall on moderate to strong South to South-West winds

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Stability was very poor overnight and early in the day with dry slab avalanches running on North-East to East aspects. Sun-induced single point releases were noted on many different aspects. Some initial consolidation was noted in most recent deposits of windslab. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

10cms of fresh snow at Aberarder Farmhouse on Thursday morning.

**Comments**

Reports filtering through of a hard new route on Belleview Buttress, including details of after -dark navigation antics! Freezing at 1000m overnight and 900m during the day,