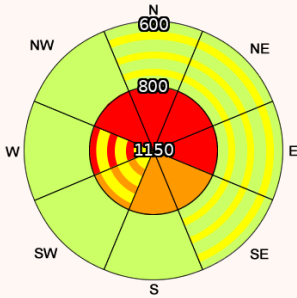


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 16/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 17/02/2010**



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**

Snow showers will continue through the night with Easterly winds. During the day the winds will become South-Easterly and it will be mainly dry. The freezing level will be around 450 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Extensive areas of weakly bonded windslab will be present in all sheltered locations mainly above 800 metres. The greatest accumulations will be on West through North to East aspects. Avalanches will occur where deep deposits exist on steep slopes and especially in gullies. The avalanche hazard will be High. Cornices will also be unstable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 16/02/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Overnight snow showers and mainly Westerly winds. Today was a dry morning followed by snow showers and Easterly winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Field tests showed very weakly bonded windslab with easy failures on steep North through to East aspects above 800 metres. The variable winds over the last 24hrs have formed unstable windslab in many sheltered locations mainly above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard is High.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

It snowed at all levels today. Thin cover up to 600 metres with main cove above this altitude.

**Comments**

New snow amounts should be quite light with summit temperatures around -4c.