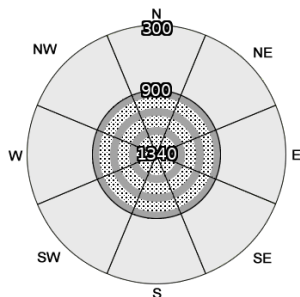


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 19/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 20/02/2010**



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**

Conditions will remain cold with the freezing level barely rising above sea level. There will be a few snow showers and light Southerly winds.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change is expected. Deep accumulations of soft unconsolidated snow will exist at most levels. There will be further slight accumulations through the day. Local instabilities will exist on steep slopes and gullies on all aspects above 900 metres. Below this level stability will generally be good. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 19/02/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a dry and sunny day with light winds. Temperatures were below freezing at all levels.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Deep accumulations of soft, unconsolidated snow were found at most levels. Stability is very slowly improving in the cold, settled conditions. However, local instabilities still exist on all aspects on steep slopes and gully exits above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Great cover of deep soft snow above 500 metres.

**Comments**

Blue skies, light winds, and deep soft snow. A great winter's day in Lochaber on Friday, hopefully more of the same during the weekend.