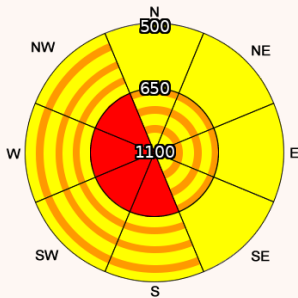


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 26/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 27/02/2010



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 cold with overnight snow showers on strong North-East winds.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Buried very weak layers will persist under deep windslab deposits mainly on South through West to North-West aspects above 650m where avalanches will occur. Localised instability will also remain on other steep, sheltered locations where snow has recently accumulated. High hazard of avalanche.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 26/02/2010

### Observed Weather Influences

It has been cold with strong North-East or Easterly winds and persistent snow showers which tapered out during the day.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly-stabilised, deep windslab lies on most steep South through West to North-West aspects above 650m. Cross-loaded pockets of weak windslab exist in very sheltered areas on gully flanks and corrie backwalls of other aspects. Very easy shears noted on faceted crystals above and below a crust on low angled ground at 600m. Localised scouring noted on some ridges and wind-exposed aspects. The avalanche hazard is High.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow at all levels. Deep drifts in many places.

#### Comments

Hard going in deep snow. Trail-breaking definitely not for the faint-hearted.