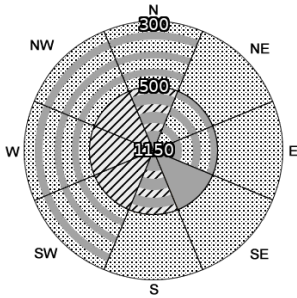


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 28/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 01/03/2010**



| 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**

Another dry day is expected. The freezing level will be around 450 metres, with moderate North to North-West winds.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change is expected. Large areas of windslab sitting on weak layers of buried surface hoar and facets will remain on South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres where avalanches will continue to occur. Some redistribution of poorly bonded windslab onto other aspects will take place, especially near the summits. The avalanche hazard will be High.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 28/02/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a cloudy but dry day with a moderate Easterly wind. The freezing level was around 400 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Large areas of windslab exist on many South-West to North-West aspects, and in other sheltered locations above 500 metres. In many locations, this windslab overlies weak layers of buried surface hoar crystals or soft sugary facets. This unstable combination has been the cause of a number of recent avalanches on North-Westerly aspects at various altitudes. The avalanche hazard is High.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow above 200 metres. Many windward slopes scoured.

**Comments**

Some large avalanches in the area recently, with the potential for some more.