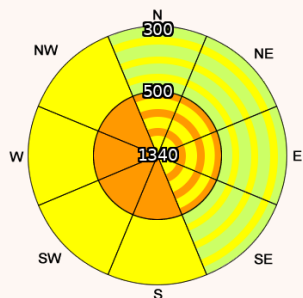


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010



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

Moderate Northerly-Westerly winds will ease and back to the South-West. It will be dry with long sunny spells. After a frosty start the freezing level will rise to around 500 metres.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected in the snowpack conditions. A deeply buried layer of facets will continue to create instabilities in the extensive areas of unstable windslab which will exist mainly on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres where avalanches are likely. Wind redistribution will continue to create some patches of poorly bonded windslab on other aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/03/2010

### Observed Weather Influences

It was a beautiful winter's day with long periods of sunshine and light North-Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 400 metres.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of windslab exists on South through West to North-West aspects, and in other sheltered locations above 500 metres. In many places, this windslab overlies a weak, sugary layer of facets. Patches of slab were also noted on other aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover down to a couple of hundred metres above sea level.

#### Comments

Buried surface hoar layers and facets likely to create a significant avalanche hazard for quite some time.