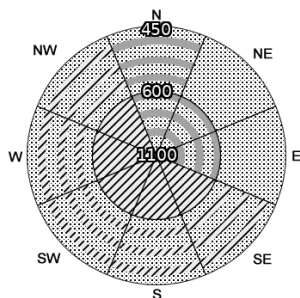


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 03/03/2010**



| 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**

It will be very cold overnight with a warming trend during the day. Winds will be light to moderate West-North-West later Southerly.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change. All old, hard and deep windslab deposits will remain delicately poised on top of very unstable layers of buried surface hoar and faceted crystals. Instability will remain widespread on South-East through South to North-West aspects above 600m where avalanches will occur. Localised instability will also persist on other steep, sheltered locations. The avalanche hazard will be High

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 02/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It has been cold with light variable winds. Warmer in the sun at lower altitudes.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change. Very weak layers persist underneath old hard windslab on most South-East through South to North-West aspects above 600m. Slope settlement is widespread again with whumphing noises from collapsing weak layers at relatively low altitude. The avalanche hazard is High

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Complete cover. Wind-exposed slopes, ridges and plateau areas remain scoured.

**Comments**

Coire Ardair path still exposed to avalanche. SNH Creag Meagaidh advise all visitors wanting access to Coire Ardair to take a route next to the burn rather than the main path. Very deep piles of avalanche debris, with entrained broken trees and boulders, cover a section of the path. See our blog for photos.