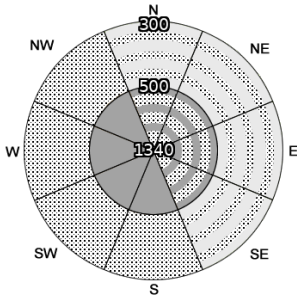


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 03/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 04/03/2010**



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**

After a dry night, a period of light snow is expected through the day. Variable winds will become Westerly and strengthen. The freezing level will rise to around 500 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Large areas of windslab will remain on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres. In some locations this windslab will overlie the weak layer of facets, in which case stability will be poor and avalanches are likely. In addition to this, wind re-distribution and light snowfall will continue to form generally shallow areas of unstable windslab on other aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 03/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a cloudy but dry day. The freezing level was around 700 metres with light Westerly winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change was observed in the snowpack. Extensive deposits of windslab exist on many South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres. In some areas this windslab shows reasonable stability, while in other areas it lies on top of a weak layer of facets, and shows poor stability. Wind re-deposition has also resulted in some unstable, but generally shallow, deposits of windslab on other aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Great cover (and great skiing) at higher levels.

**Comments**

Excellent winter conditions in Lochaber at the moment.