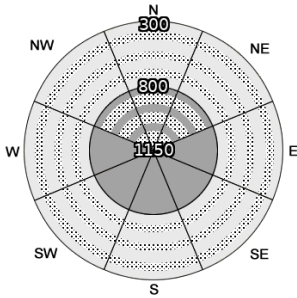


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 05/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 06/03/2010**



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**

Strong North-North-Westerly winds will persist overnight moderating on Saturday. There will be no precipitation and the freezing level will be 900 metres overnight rising to 1000 metres on Saturday.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wind transport of existing deposits will continue to form unstable accumulations of windslab in sheltered summit gullies of many aspects and on steep East through South to South-Westerly slopes mainly above 800 metres. Instabilities will remain within the deep older windslab on Westerly aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 05/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

There have been strong North-Westerly winds with some new snow above 800 metres later today. The freezing level is around 1000 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wind transport of snow is forming unstable windslab in the most sheltered gullies and hollows and on East through South to South-Westerly aspects mainly above 900 metres. Existing weakly bonded deposits remain on other Westerly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable. Fresh debris noted below a steep Easterly aspect from 1000 metres.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Snow mainly above 300 metres.

**Comments**

Weather outlook improving with more settled conditions expected soon. Cornices will be prone to collapse.