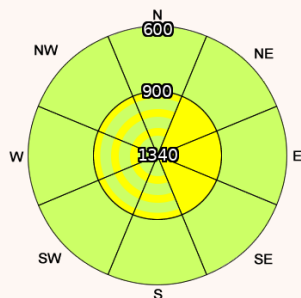


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 16/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 17/03/2010**



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**

A mild day is expected with some rain. Strong winds will be from the South-West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

At higher levels the snowpack will soften and start to thaw. Minor instabilities will exist mainly on steep North-East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. Remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. At lower levels the snowpack will continue to thaw, as it has been doing for a good few days, and stability will be generally good. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 16/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

After a few light snow showers during the morning it was a dry day. The freezing level was around 1100 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

New snow accumulations were not significant. At higher levels the surface of the snowpack has a hard icy crust. At lower levels it continues to gently thaw. In general stability is good. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good cover of refrozen snow above 1000 metres, softer below this level.

**Comments**

Rock and ice fall will be hazard during the mild conditions which are expected over the next few days.