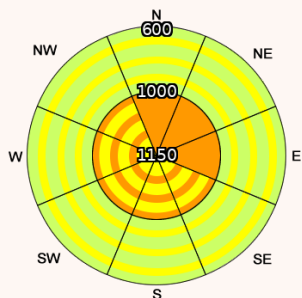


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/03/2010**



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 a showery day with strong South-Westerly winds. The showers will fall as snow above about 1000 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will remain wet and instabilities will persist, especially on steep slopes on all aspects. New areas of damp, poorly bonded windslab will be deposited on North to East aspects, and in other sheltered locations above 1000 metres, where avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 18/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

It was a mild day with the freezing level well above the summits. Rain fell during the afternoon. Strong winds were from the South.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowack has become saturated. Wet snow instabilities exist on steep slopes and in gullies on all aspects above 900 metres. Remaining cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Patchy cover below about 900m, thawing at all levels.

**Comments**

After another windy day on Friday, the winds are expected to ease for the weekend.