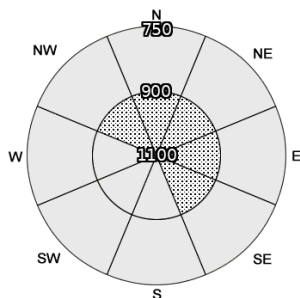


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 25/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 26/03/2010**



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**

Rain is expected overnight with a freezing level above the summits. During the day the variable wind is expected to become a strong South-Westerly. From around midday the temperature is expected to drop with snowfall at higher levels.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will remain generally stable. During the afternoon accumulations of windslab will be deposited in sheltered gullies and hollows and on mainly North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 25/03/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

There was some precipitation which fell as snow on higher ground. The wind was light to moderate mainly Southerly. The freezing level was around the summits.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack is slowly thawing and consolidating, and is generally stable on all aspects. There is a little fresh snow above about 900 metres but accumulations are not significant. Cornices remain prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Moist snowpack at all levels.

**Comments**

Cooler weather is anticipated.