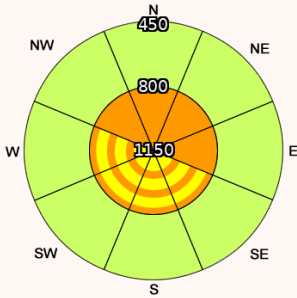


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 05/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 06/04/2010**



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**

Precipitation will fall as heavy rain and sleet overnight turning to snow at higher levels on Tuesday. Winds will be storm force overnight becoming gale force through the day from a South-South-Westerly direction.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wet snow instabilities will exist on many steep slopes and gullies earlier in the day. Cooler conditions later with new snow and the strong South-South-Westerly winds will form unstable accumulations of windslab in the most sheltered of summit gullies and hollows of many aspects and on steep scarp slopes with a mainly North-West through North to Easterly aspect above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 05/04/2010**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Very wet and mild conditions affected the area earlier today. Winds have generally been strong to gale force from a Southerly direction.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Wet snow instabilities exist in many sheltered gullies and on steep scarp slopes. The avalanche hazard is Considerable. Any large cornices are prone to collapse.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Patchy at lower levels main cover above 800 metres

**Comments**

Becoming less mild through the course of Tuesday.