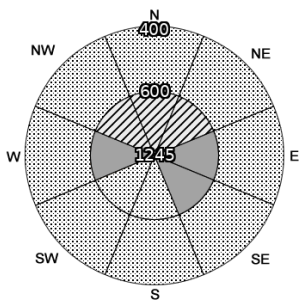


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 03/12/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 04/12/2010



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Overnight the wind will be strong South-Westerly with occasional snowfall. In the day the wind will become North-Westerly with light snowfall continuing. Freezing at all levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Heavily drifting snow will continue to form unstable windslab on mainly North-West to North-East aspects above 600 metres, but mainly above 900 metres where avalanches will occur. West, East and South-West aspects will also be affected due to cross loading. Above 900 metres on many aspects the new snow lies on a very weak layer of facettted, sugar like grains. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 03/12/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a cold, windy day on the tops with a strengthening Southerly wind, snowfall and heavy drifting.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Strong Southerly winds have drifted large amounts of snow onto mainly North-West to North-Easterly aspects above 600 metres producing unstable windslab, West and East aspects are also affected due to cross loading. On many aspects above 600 metres the windslab deposits overlie a very weak layer of facets. Field tests at 1080 metres on a West aspect produced both, avalanche releases and failures on this layer. The avalanche hazard is High

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Good snow cover above 400 metres. Exposed N Ridges scoured
Comments	A weak snow pack is present on many aspects, good route finding required , some scoured slopes.