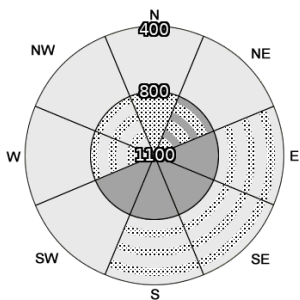


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 05/01/2011 TO 18:00HRS Thu 06/01/2011



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

Colder with more frequent snow showers throughout. Winds will be North or North-Westerly and become much stronger.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable snow will gain greater depth and be widespread on all steep East through South to South-West aspects above 800m where avalanches are likely. Wind-exposed locations will show much better stability. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 05/01/2011

Observed Weather Influences

It has been cold with overnight and early morning snow showers. Winds have been moderate, later light South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Soft, weakly-bonded windslab lies on many North to East aspects above 850m. Variable shears showed up in field tests but stability is notably poor at the top of gullies and steep corrie backwalls. New, soft and weak cornices overhang many of these locations. Cornice collapse debris noted in several places. Fresh snow also lies on most plateau areas. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Good cover of fresh snow at all levels on Weds.
Comments	Thursday looking very cold and wintry.