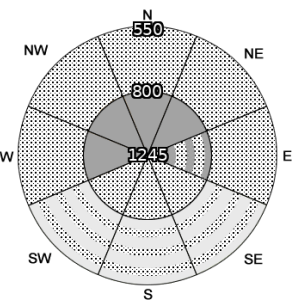


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 19/02/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sun 20/02/2011



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

It will be dry with strong Southerly winds. The freezing level will be well below the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Drifting from the storm snow will continue at higher altitudes leading to further windslab developing on the already weakly bonded snowpack. Avalanches are likely mainly on steep North-Westerly to North-Easterly aspects above 800 metres. Other aspects will also be affected due to cross loading. Cornices will be unstable. Below this level the snowpack will remain moderately well bonded. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 19/02/2011

Observed Weather Influences

Snowfall overnight cleared during the morning to leave a dry day and strong South-South-Easterly winds gradually eased to moderate. The freezing level was at around 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been heavy drifting above 550 metres and deep accumulations of windslab have developed on Westerly through North to North-Easterly aspects. Other aspects are also affected due to cross loading. Above 800 metres the snowpack is weakly bonded due to the cooler temperatures. Below this level the snowpack is moderately well bonded. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Snow line down to 550m, deep drifts in lee areas, windscored on exposed slopes.
Comments	A better day in prospect for Sunday, although weaknesses will remain in the snowpack due to further drifting and cold temperatures.