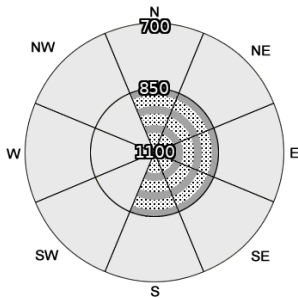


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 25/02/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sat 26/02/2011**



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**

Colder weather accompanied by snow showers will affect the area. The winds will veer from SW to NW and reduce in strength.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will stabilise as temperatures drop. There will be a build up of marginally stabilised windslab on steep North-East through East to South aspects above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 25/02/2011**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Very mild conditions with frequent heavy rain showers persisted throughout the day accompanied by strong SW winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

A continuing thaw has further depleted the snowpack which has become fairly wet and saturated. There is a risk of cornice collapse and falling ice especially in the Inner Corrie area. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Reasonable snow cover remains above 850m with large patches on the plateau area.

**Comments**

Stability will be much improved as the freezing level drops during the night before the onset of snow showers.