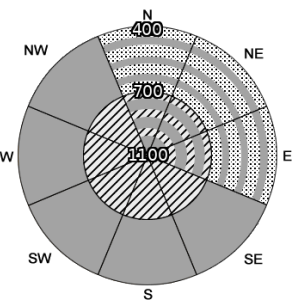


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 12/03/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sun 13/03/2011



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

The wind will veer to the North-East increasing to very strong. There will be continuous, heavy snowfall over the next 24 hours giving significant accumulations of new snow. The freezing level will be at 450 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

As the snowfall arrives new accumulations of windslab will develop and avalanches will occur on mainly South-East through South to North-West aspects above 700 metres. Due to existing windslab deposits and cross loading instabilities will also affect North to East aspects above this altitude. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 12/03/2011

Observed Weather Influences

Winds were 25mph from the South-West and there was continuous, heavy snowfall. The freezing level was 300 metres and it was -6 on the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There was extensive drifting of new snow on the increasingly strong winds. This resulted in unstable windslab deposits on mainly Northerly through East to Southerly aspects with cross loading in gullies and sheltered locations on other aspects. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Extensive snow cover at all levels.
Comments	A stormy and snowy day with very poor visibility.