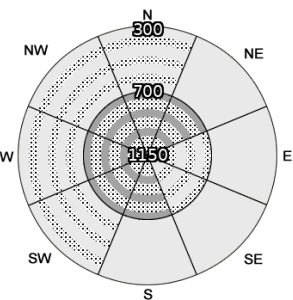


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 30/03/2013 TO 18:00HRS Sun 31/03/2013



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 is expected to remain mainly dry and cold with the freezing level rising to 300 metres during the day. Winds will be light Southerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The current complex and variable snowpack will remain. Areas of poorly or moderately bonded hard and soft windslab will be present mainly on South-West through West to Northerly aspects above 700 metres. Unstable deposits will also exist on other aspects. Persistent weak layers of sugar-like facets will be within the snowpack on many aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 30/03/2013

Observed Weather Influences

It was a bright clear cold day with light mainly Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The current snowpack is distinctly variable. Areas of poorly or moderately bonded hard and soft windslab are present mainly on South-West through West to Northerly aspects above 700 metres. Unstable deposits also exist on other aspects. Persistent weak layers of sugar-like facets are present in the snowpack on many aspects. There are also scoured slopes, some with areas of windslab. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Varied snow conditions: hard and soft windslab, hard snow-ice and scoured ground. Cold clear conditions. Light winds.
Comments	Cold settled conditions are expected to continue over Easter.