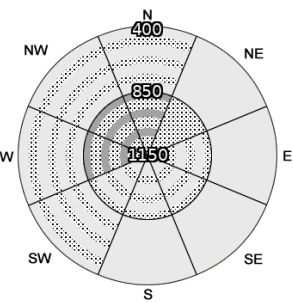


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 06/04/2013 TO 18:00HRS Sun 07/04/2013



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 will be predominately dry with the chance of an odd light snow shower, these are not expected to be significant. The winds will be South-Westerly at first then backing to South-East. Freezing at all levels overnight then rising to 650 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of persistent instability will become more localised as some consolidation slowly takes place. However, buried weakly bonded, hard windslab layers will persist particularly on shaded, steeper slopes on West to North aspects mainly above 850m. In other locations, the snowpack will be generally stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 06/04/2013

Observed Weather Influences

It has remained dry and cold through the forecast period, it was more cloudy today with light Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly bonded hard windslab is still present mainly on West to North-West aspects above 850 metres. In some areas the windslab is well bonded to the under lying snow ice. In other areas the windslab lies on top of a weak layer of dry sugar like facets, and stability is poor. Instabilities are now more localised on West to North aspects above 850m. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Snow mainly above 500 metres, this is variable; hard and soft windslab, hard snow-ice and scoured ground all observed. Clear conditions, bright at times with light Westerly winds.
Comments	Summit temperatures tomorrow are expected to be minus five degrees Celsius. It looks like it will remain cold for most of next week with more snow to come at the latter part of the week.