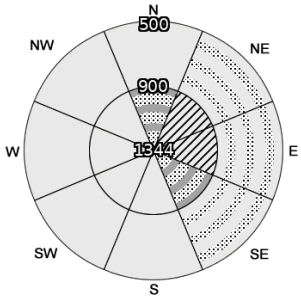
Lochaber - Issued 31/01/2016

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Mon 01/02/2016



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

Strengthening South-Westerly winds. A period of heavy rain at all levels overnight being replaced with snow showers above 500m during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There will be a period of instability overnight as the rain becomes established. Wet snow avalanches will occur mainly on steep North-East and East aspects. As the colder conditions arrive during Monday, the wet snowpack will quickly consolidate and localised areas of fresh unstable windslab will form in sheltered locations. Wind scoured slopes will refreeze and become stable. The avalanche hazard will be High

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 31/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Moderate WSW winds over the summits and the freezing level was around 500m.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of fresh snow are present mainly in East facing corries above 800m. Localised areas of unstable windslab are present on North-East, East and South-East aspects above 800m. Wind scoured slopes are frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	
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