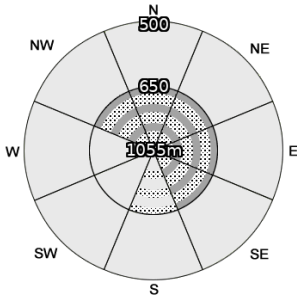


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 28/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Mon 29/02/2016**



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**

Moderate Southerly winds overnight will strengthen to gale force South-South-West during the day, easing slightly later. Snow arriving early morning will turn to rain at most levels in the afternoon as the freezing level rises to the summits by the end of the period.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Fresh localised accumulations of unstable windslab will develop mainly in steep sheltered locations on North-West to North-East aspects above 700 metres. Additionally, a period of instability will occur within deeper accumulations of the old snowpack as the temperature rises later in the day. Most affected will be steep slopes on North-West through North-East to South-East aspects above 650 metres. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 28/02/2016**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A settled day with light South-West winds. Very cold in the shade and warm in direct sun. Increasing cloud cover from the West later.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Cold temperatures have maintained weaknesses in the snowpack mainly on steep slopes on North to East aspects above 650 metres. Localised instabilities also remain on steep locations with a North-West and South-East aspect. Better stability exists on other aspects. The sun continues to affect steep slopes with Southerly aspects and here, cornice collapse and falling ice present a hazard. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Deep snow cover above 500m - some exposed ridges scoured. Cold clear conditions. Winds approx 10mph or less.

**Comments**

The final good conditions day as high pressure drifts East. Despite warmer conditions and snow loss at lower levels, the main snowpack will survive.