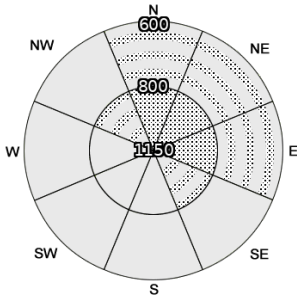


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 24/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Fri 25/03/2016**



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**

Overnight, the freezing level will lower to 700 metres with some light snow showers above 600 metres accompanied by strong Westerly winds. The day should be predominately dry, with some sleet showers over the summits during the latter part of the afternoon. The freezing level will slowly rise to 1100 metres and the winds will increase and back to South-South-Westerly.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Overnight, new snow amounts are not expected to be significant, however, localised accumulations of windslab will form on North to Easterly aspects, mainly above 800 metres with high gully exits most affected. Elsewhere the moist snowpack will consolidate and become well bonded and stable on all aspects and elevations. In the afternoon the snowpack will soften as temperatures rise but should remain generally well bonded on all but the steepest slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 24/03/2016**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Overnight, snow showers fell above 700 metres with strong South to South-Westerly winds. During the day milder conditions soon took effect with rain at all elevations. The winds were fresh to strong from the South-West.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

New snow amounts quickly became wet leading to localised pockets of instability particularly on steep North to East aspects above 900 metres. Below 900 metres the old snowpack is generally well bonded and thawing. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Wet snow throughout. South-Westerly winds 20-30 mph with persistent light rain. Cloud base was around 600 metres all day.

**Comments**

Fluctuating freezing levels. New snow likely over the week-end.