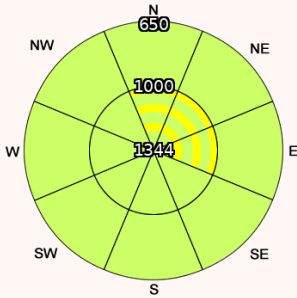


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 24/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Fri 25/03/2016**



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**

The freezing level will be around 800m for much of the day, rising to summit levels later in the forecast period . Some light precipitation is expected. Winds will generally be from a South-Westerly direction, increasing in strength during the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will be well bonded and stable. Localised areas of fresh windslab will develop mainly on steep North, North-East and East aspects above 1000m. Accumulations will generally be restricted to scarp slopes and gully exits. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

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

**Observed Weather Influences**

Some fresh snowfall overnight above 650m with the freezing level rising above the summits during the day. Moderate to strong South-West winds.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The old snowpack is well bonded and generally stable. Localised instabilities are present on steep North, North-East and East aspects due to fresh snow, but these have reduced during the day as the temperatures have risen. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Freezing level rising during the day. Poor visibility over the summits

**Comments**