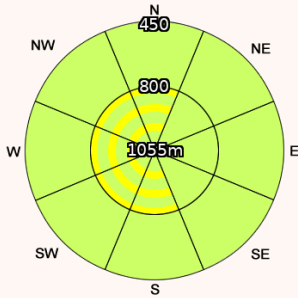


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 05/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 06/01/2018**



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**

As high pressure builds from the North-West, it will be a mostly cold, bright and dry day with sunny spells. Overnight, light snow showers and the strong North-East airflow will ease and the freezing level will lower to 200 metres by daybreak.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Pockets of fresh windslab will exist in localised wind sheltered areas and will remain poorly bonded in areas where the older crusty snowpack lies. Most affected will be steep slopes, particularly gully exits, coire rims and ridge flanks where it gains depth, South through West to North aspects, mainly above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 05/01/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Persistent hill cloud and patchy drizzly showers with light snow above 550 metres. A fresh Easterly wind persisted through the day and the freezing level remained around 600 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

There is a light covering of fresh snow above 500 metres. Although the snowpack generally has good stability, where fresh windslab exists in localised wind sheltered areas, it is poorly bonded in areas where there is older crusty snow. Most affected are steep slopes, South through West to North aspects mainly above 800 metres. At lower levels, the thawing and patchy snowpack is stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Breakable crust, mainly at mid levels, very tiring conditions off track. A day of flat light and no definition above 650 metres. East winds approximately 10-20 mph, fresh and cooling.

**Comments**

Clearer weather forecast. Remaining hard going off track with breakable crust. Obvious riming at higher elevations.