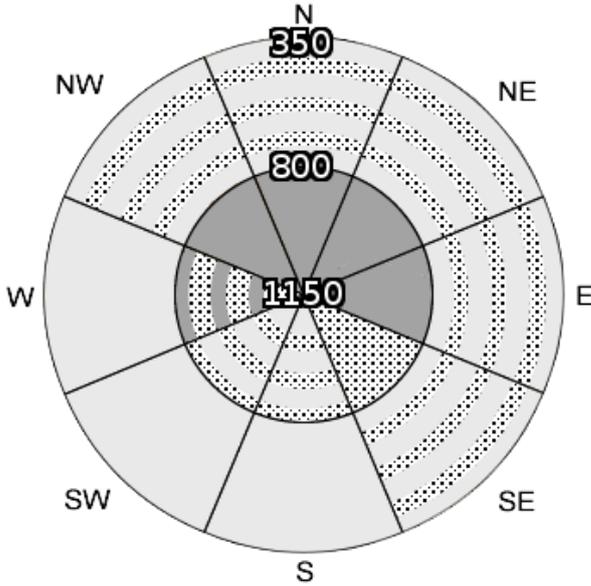


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 13/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 14/02/2018**



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**

Overnight, generally dry and cold maybe the odd light snow shower. During the day the freezing level will slowly start to rise reaching about 900 metres in the afternoon. Snow showers heavy at times during the day accompanied by gale to storm force South-South-Easterly particularly over the summits.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Redistribution of existing snow and then the new snowfall will deposit further fresh unstable windslab in wind sheltered locations. This will add to existing unstable windslab deposits. The greatest accumulations will be on North-West through North and East aspects above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Cross loading may also effect other localised sheltered areas and cornices will be unstable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 13/02/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Overnight, snow showers fell at all levels with fresh Southerly winds. Its was then bright and dry with the freezing level at around 300 metres. Winds were moderate from the West-South-West.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab is present mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 800 metres. These deposits are weakly bonded particularly where they overlay a melt freeze crust. Cornices are soft and unstable. Exposed and windward aspects are firmer with some icy areas. Avalanche activity noted today on Easterly aspect with starting zone at 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Deep snow cover above 450 metres but snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured. Visibility was generally good for most part of the day. Summit winds were moderate from the West-South-West with the odd stronger gust.

**Comments**

Looking ahead: Staying wintry with scattered snow showers on Wednesday evening and throughout Thursday. Drier on Friday with only an odd snow shower. Becoming milder later on

Friday.