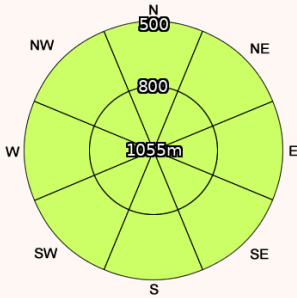


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 21/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Thu 22/02/2018**



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**

High pressure dominates giving mainly dry conditions and general cloud cover with some sunny intervals possible. The moderate Southerly wind will freshen during the day and the freezing level will rise from 500 metres overnight to around 700 metres by the end of the day.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Little change is expected. The snowpack will continue to consolidate and remain stable at all levels and aspects. The general surface crust will soften through the day at lower elevations, particularly on Southerly aspects, but will remain firm above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 21/02/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A fine dry and sunny day with a light South-East wind. Hard overnight frost in the glens. Freezing level remained around 750 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Spring-like conditions. The snowpack is well consolidated and stable at all levels and aspects with a surface crust that softened through the day on sunny aspects. The snowline is around 500 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Diminishing snowpack, good above 600 metres. Cold clear conditions. Generally calm.

**Comments**

Great mountain walking conditions. A slow thaw at lower elevations. The surface crust is generally weight bearing, particularly on shady aspects, but softens quickly at lower levels.