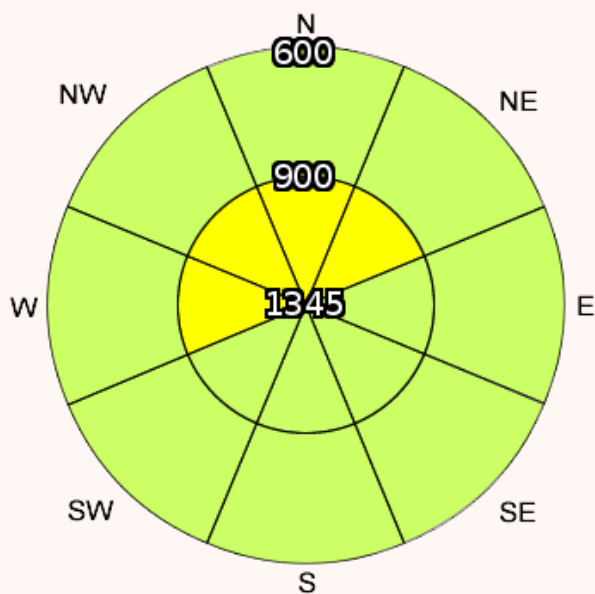


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 13/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 14/03/2018**



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**

It is expected to be mainly dry throughout the forecast period. Winds will increase to very strong South-Easterly. During the day the freezing level will rise above the summits.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Transport of the existing recent snow by increasingly strong South-East winds will deposit fresh unstable windslab in sheltered areas, mainly on West through North to North-East aspects above 900 metres. As the temperature rises wet snow instabilities will develop on these aspects. Cornices will weaken. Good stability on ridges and recently wind scoured aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 13/03/2018**

**Observed Weather Influences**

During the day there were some light snow showers with light, generally South-Westerly, winds. The freezing level rose to around 850 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

There is a thin covering of fresh snow on all aspects above 650 metres; this is not currently significant. The old snowpack is generally stable on all aspects. The avalanche hazard is Low.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Good snow cover above 600m. Variably cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Wind 10mph or less.

**Comments**

A very windy next few days are in prospect.