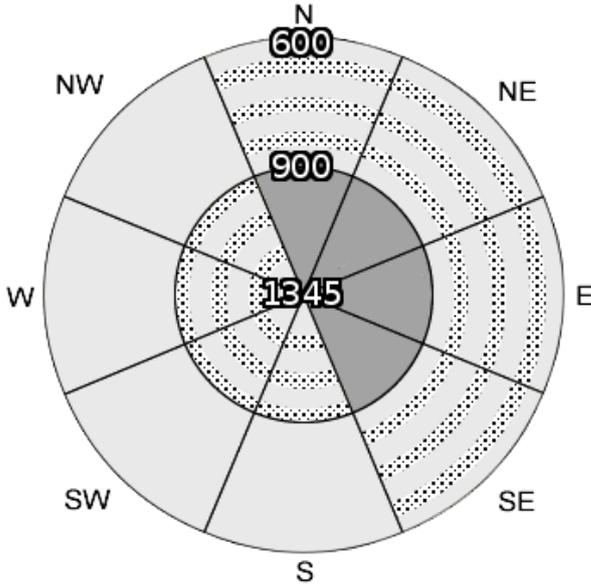


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/03/2019**



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**

Strong West winds back Southerly and ease overnight, becoming light by dawn, then back further through East to North and increase to moderate during the day. Snow showers. Freezing level dropping from 600 metres to around 400 metres.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab will be present mainly on steep North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres where avalanches are likely. There will be large, fragile cornices above these aspects. During the day further fresh windslab will be deposited mainly on South to West aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/03/2019**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Strong Westerly winds and snow showers. Freezing level around 600 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Poorly bonded windslab is present mainly on steep North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. Fragile cornices are present above these aspects. Very sheltered locations on North-West and South aspects are also affected due to cross loading. Windward slopes are generally scoured and stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Breakable crust with heavy drifting of fresh snow at higher altitudes. Poor visibility above 900 metres. Winds approximately 50 - 60 mph, progress very difficult.

**Comments**

Wintery conditions continue till Monday with forecasts then suggesting warmer weather.