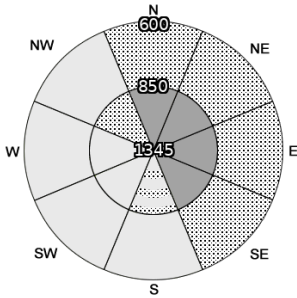


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 18/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 19/02/2020**



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 winds will be strong easing moderate West-South-Westerly, then during the day will back Southerly and South-South-Easterly and increase to strong again. Light snow showers above 400 metres are expected overnight, then a mainly dry morning. During the afternoon the freezing level is expected to rise above the summits with snow showers increasingly turning to sleet and rain.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab will continue to form in sheltered areas; greatest accumulations will be on North through East to South-East aspects above 850 metres. Other aspects will also be affected. Instabilities will also be present in the more localised windslab occurring in sheltered areas at lower levels. Avalanches are likely, especially as the freezing level rises and instabilities in windslab increase. Cornices will be unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 18/02/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Winds were strong mainly South-Westerly. There were frequent snow showers above around 300 metres and continual drifting. The freezing level was around 600 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Unstable windslab has continued to be deposited in sheltered areas, with greatest accumulations on North through East to South-East aspects above 850 metres. More localised areas of windslab are present on other aspects due to cross loading, and also in sheltered locations at lower elevations. Cornices are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Variable snow: hard and soft windslab, hard snow-ice and scoured slopes. Variable cloud base: around 600m during showers, higher between. Winds 30-40 mph.

**Comments**

Distinct rise in freezing level to above the summits during Wednesday afternoon.