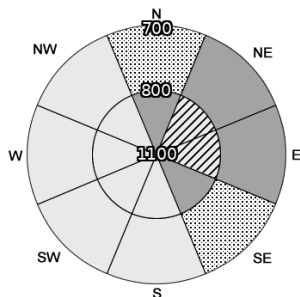


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 20/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 21/02/2020**



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**

Further snow showers on high ground overnight. The Freezing level will then rise steadily above summits bringing rain to all levels. Strong South-West and West-South-West winds throughout.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Stability will be poor over the period; the highest instability will be associated with rain to summit levels around midday. Avalanches will occur on North through East to South East aspects above 800m. Cornices will be unstable and liable to collapse. Better stability at lower elevations where accumulations are consolidated and also on windblow slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard will be High

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 20/02/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Persistent showers on Westerly winds overnight and during the day; these have fallen as snow on high ground, above 500 metres.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Stability is poor on all high sheltered North-East to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. Instability is also poor where selected, deeply incised South-East facing aspects have been cross-loaded; some at lower elevations to around 700 metres. Avalanche activity noted today at 750 metres on an Easterly aspect. Better stability below this where all accumulations are consolidated and also on windblow slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Deep snow at higher altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! No visibility during showers throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

**Comments**

Period of poorest stability associated with rain at all levels on Friday morning.