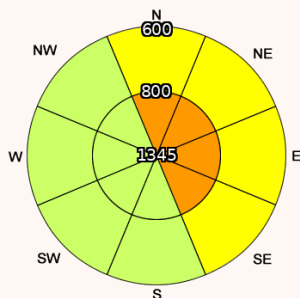


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 21/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 22/02/2020**



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 the freezing level will fall to around 400 metres where it will remain through the day. Heavy snow showers are expected later in the night and during the day. Strong winds will be from the West-South-West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The existing snowpack will freeze and consolidate in the colder conditions. However, fresh areas of unstable windslab will soon start to be deposited. The greatest accumulations will be in sheltered North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Fresh cornices will be prone to collapse. Windward slopes will tend to be scoured and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 21/02/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

After some overnight snow the freezing level rose above the summits early in the morning. It remained mild through the day with plenty of rain at all levels. Strong winds were the South West.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack is saturated and is going through a period of instability. Evidence of wet snow instabilities were observed on many North to East aspects above 900 metres. A substantial natural avalanche which released on a Easterly aspect at around 1000 metres was observed just before midday. Cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Wet snow throughout. Poor visibility above 800 metres, Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.

**Comments**

Snowpack continues to develop rapidly in these stormy changeable conditions.