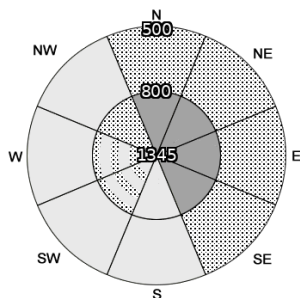


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 26/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 27/02/2020**



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**

Moderate to strong South-West winds will back to the West during Thursday. Showers through out the period falling as snow above 300m.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Large areas of unstable windslab will continue to develop in sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will be on North, North-East, East and South-East facing slopes and gullies above 800m. Avalanches are likely in these locations. Fragile cornices will also continue to form. Wind scoured snow slopes will be frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 26/02/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

Moderate to strong winds over the summits with snow showers above 300m.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Large areas of unstable windslab are continuing to form in areas sheltered from the West to South-West winds. Greatest accumulations are on sheltered North, North-East, East and South-East aspects above 800m. Cornices are also forming above these aspects. Localised accumulations are also present in other wind sheltered locations. Wind scoured snow slopes are frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable. Avalanche activity observed on several Easterly aspects between 850m and 1100m.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Poor visibility over the summits during the morning and early afternoon. Some deep drifts in places making walking arduous at times.

**Comments**