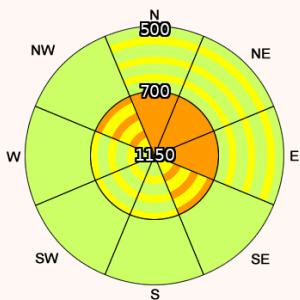


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 26/02/2015 TO 18:00HRS Fri 27/02/2015



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

The wind will be gale force West-South-West backing South-South-West and easing. There will be steady snow showers above 400 metres throughout the period. The freezing level will be around 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will form on North to East aspects with sheltered areas in North-West and South-East aspects affected by cross loading. These deposits will lie mainly above 700 metres. Areas exposed to the wind will be generally stable with a firm crust. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 26/02/2015

Observed Weather Influences

The wind was strong from a West-South-West direction. There were steady snow showers above 300 metres through the morning. The freezing level was around 400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Generally the snowpack has gone through a thaw/refreeze cycle and is more stable. Evidence of a number of wet slab releases overnight was observed on North to East aspects above 700 metres. Some fresh unstable windslab has formed above 700 metres on North-East to East aspects with North and South-East aspects affected by cross loading. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 700 metres on North to South-East aspects. Good visibility initially - becoming more restricted by mid-day. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Evidence of a number of overnight wet slab releases was observed - notably on the Glen Etive flank of Buachaille Etive Mor and below Great Gully on the same hill.