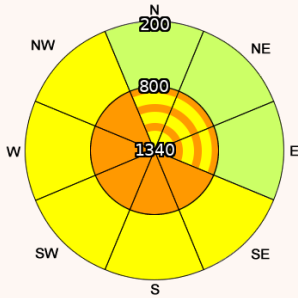


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 02/01/2010



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

There will be snow showers throughout the forecast period, being most frequent overnight and during the morning. North-Westerly winds will veer to the East around dawn.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The variable winds will deposit unstable windslab on South-East through South and West to North-West aspects above 800 metres where Avalanches are likely. Isolated areas of windslab may also accumulate in sheltered locations on other aspects due to cross loading. A weak, sugary layer of facets will remain within the snowpack in many locations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 01/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

The temperature remained below freezing at all levels and today there were snow showers with North-Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant areas of windslab exist on many South to West aspects above 800 metres. Areas of windslab were also observed in sheltered areas on other aspects. In many locations windslab lies on top of unstable snow, a weak layer of facets, and stability is poor. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow down to sea level.

Comments

Careful route choice recommended in the continuing cold conditions.