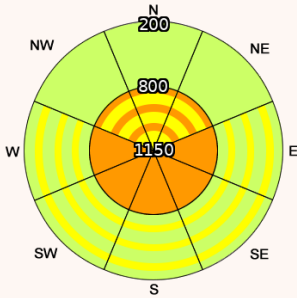


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 01/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 02/01/2010



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

Strong, gale force winds will initially be from the North-West overnight, veering to the East around dawn, easing through the day. It will remain cold with snow showers throughout the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will continue to form in all sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will form on slopes with an East through South to Westerly aspect but other aspects could be affected particularly in all sheltered summit gullies and steep scarp slopes mainly above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. Stability will be poor where these deposits attain any significant depth. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 01/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a bit milder today than of late. Winds have been fresh North-Easterly winds and there have been snow showers.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind transport of snow continues to form unstable windslab in sheltered locations, particularly in all summit gullies and on steep slopes with a South through West to North-Westerly aspect above 850 metres. Where windslab has attained any significant depth bonding is poor. Elsewhere many windward slopes are becoming scoured giving a general improvement in stability. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow at most levels.

Comments

Areas of windslab will require great caution and careful route planning. Ice forming on a good number of routes now.