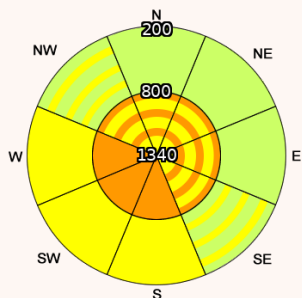


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 02/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 03/01/2010



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 a few snow showers. Light North-Easterly winds will become variable in direction. Temperatures will remain below freezing at all levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected within the snowpack. Soft, poorly bonded windslab will exist on mainly South to West aspects above 800 metres. A low strength layer of sugary faceted crystals will remain within older deposits of windslab in many sheltered locations on a variety of aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 02/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was another cold day with summit temperatures of -6°C. After a few showers during the night, it remained dry throughout the day. Winds were from the North-East.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh windslab was observed on many South to West aspects above 800 metres. This snow shows poor stability where it has accumulated to significant depths. A weak layer of facets also exists within the snowpack in many sheltered locations on a variety of aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Some new snow, mainly at higher altitudes, fell during the night.

Comments

Cold conditions expected to continue for a while yet.