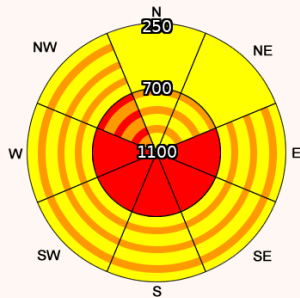


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 05/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 06/01/2010



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

Scattered snow showers are expected overnight and during the day. It will remain cold with fresh North-Easterly winds becoming Northerly during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow will drift and form deep accumulations of poorly-stabilised windslab on all East through South to West aspects above 700 metres where avalanches will occur. Pockets of instability may also develop on some sheltered North-West facing gully tops and corrie backwalls. Weak, collapse-prone cornices will build over many of these locations. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 05/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has remained cold with snow showers throughout the day accompanied by strong Northerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow instabilities are widespread and there has been significant drifting with rapid windslab build up primarily on South- East through South to South West aspects. Buried weak layers persist and multiple easy shears where noted. A test slope was triggered on a steep 35 degree Southerly aspect at 750m. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

General cover from 250m

Comments

Care needed with all high level sorties. Skis remain the best form of travel with drifting on all access paths.