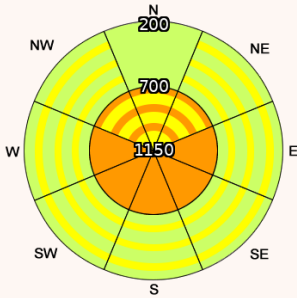


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 07/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 08/01/2010



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

It will remain very cold and dry with light North-East winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

With continuing cold conditions little change is expected to the condition of the snowpack. Many slopes will remain scoured with good stability but deep unstable windslab will exist mainly above 700 metres in sheltered gullies of many aspects and also on slopes with an East through South to Westerly aspect, steep scarp slopes and gully exits will be particularly affected. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 07/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been cold dry and settled with light Northerly winds. A fantastic day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Recent Northerly winds have scoured many slopes improving general stability in these areas. In sheltered gullies and on slopes with an East through South to Westerly aspect there are accumulations of moderate to poorly bonded windslab mainly above 700 metres. Snow quantities are subject to local variation throughout the area. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow at all level, subject to local variation within area.

Comments

With a very cold outlook windslab accumulations will be subject to development of in depth weaknesses. These areas will require great caution and careful route planning. Ice is continuing to form on a good number of routes. Superb weather on Thursday and a good outlook for the coming few days.