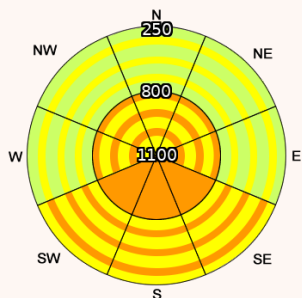


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 08/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 09/01/2010



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 cold with light winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Older windslab will become a little denser but cold temperatures will maintain weaknesses in underlying suspect layers on many aspects. Fragile cornices will remain a hazard above steep gully exits and coire backwalls. Stability will be marginal on steep and very sheltered South-East through South to South-West slopes and gullies above 800m. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 08/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There was a severe overnight frost with clear skies and cold temperatures during the day. Winds have been light although local winds were moderate at times.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Slab has become denser and become more supportive but underlying weak layers containing faceted crystals and buried surface hoar are to be found in many deeper deposits above 800metres. Much softer surface windslab is to be found on South-East through South to South-West aspects and easy releases were noted within this in many locations during field tests. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Full cover from 250m with deep drifts in lee areas at all altitudes.

Comments

Gully exit ramps and corrie backwalls of most aspects require special care in current conditions.