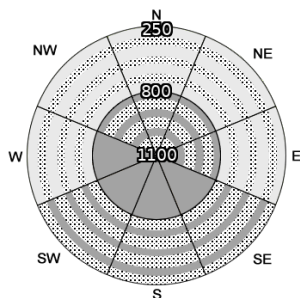


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 09/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 10/01/2010



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 no precipitation and strengthening, mainly North-Easterly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Drifted snow will accumulate as new, poorly-stabilised windslab on South-East through South to North-West aspects above 800 metres. Cold temperatures will maintain marginal stability in older windslab deposits mainly, but not exclusively, on South-East through South to West aspects above 800m. Pockets of instability will remain on many gully tops and corrie backwalls. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 09/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has remained cold and there were some light snow showers which were carried on Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Pockets of new, soft and weak windslab has formed on steep South to North-West aspects above 700 metres. Buried weak layers persist on many aspects and now lie beneath more supportive older slab deposits. Easy and clean shears showed up in field tests in several layers throughout the snowpack in several different locations. 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

Access on foot still problematical away from the beaten track