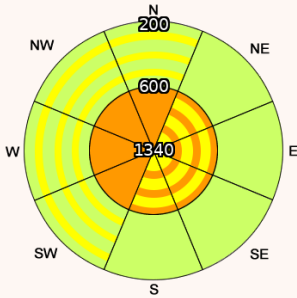


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 11/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 12/01/2010



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

After a few light snow showers during the night, a dry day is expected. The freezing level will be about 400 metres. Strong winds will be from the South-East.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The wind will continue to transport and deposit snow onto the already significant accumulations of hard windslab which exist on many South-West through West to North aspects above 600 metres. Patches of this windslab will also occur in sheltered locations on other aspects. This windslab will contain numerous weak layers. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 11/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was a generally dry day with a freezing level of around 400 metres. Strong winds were from the South-East.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The strong winds have deposited more windslab onto South-West through West to North aspects of above 600 metres. Although the surface of this snow feels very hard and dense, it contains a number of weak layers. An avalanche was triggered on a Westerly aspect at an altitude of 650 metres on Aonach Mor today. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Still reasonable cover at most levels.

Comments

In the present conditions even apparently very firm snow has the potential to avalanche.