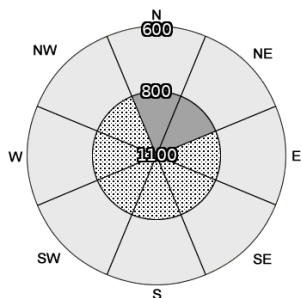


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 17/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 18/01/2010



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

Heavy snow above 800m on strong Southerly winds is forecast overnight dying out during the day, with winds becoming strong South-Westerly. Mid-day summit temperatures of -3 degrees Celsius are forecast.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow will accumulate above 800m with some deposits possible down to 600m. New snow instabilities will exist initially on steep Northerly aspects with some windslab developing as the day progresses on North-East facing gullies and coire headwalls where avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 17/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Rain for much of the day below 800m. Winds have been mostly light strengthening Southerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fluctuating temperatures have brought about much consolidated to the snowpack below 800m where a melt freeze cycle has resulted in a considerable depleted snow cover. On steepest sheltered slopes above 800m localised instabilities remain on many aspects and some weakness persist in layers deeper in the snowpack. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Significant snow loss below 600m. Above 800m cover remains generally good.

Comments

A melt freeze cycle to low levels in the early hours of Sunday resulted in treacherous road conditions in the Meagaidh area. Paths also very iced up on all access trails.