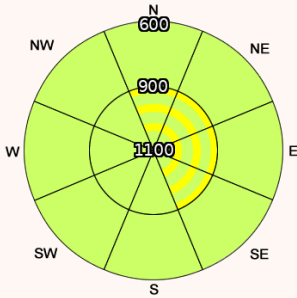


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 18/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 19/01/2010



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 dry and the steady thaw will persist at all levels overnight with freezing levels around summits, lowering slightly to 900m by midday.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack below 800m is now well consolidated and stable. Localised new snow instabilities will persist on mostly North through East to South-East aspects above 900m, especially on steep sheltered gully exits and around coire rims. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 18/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There has been steady thaw below 800m with only a small amount of new snow on the very tops. Winds have been fresh mostly North-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The thawing conditions with fluctuating temperatures have produced a more consolidated snowpack below 800m. At highest elevations a small amount of fresh snow has resulted in pockets of windslab development on North through East to South East aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

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

Comments

Steady thaw to all levels with Freezing levels lowering to 900m during the day.