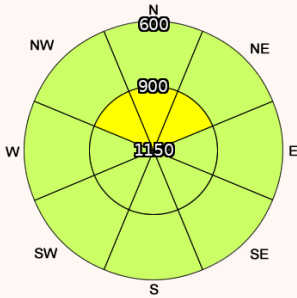


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 19/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 20/01/2010



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 with strong South-Easterly winds with the freezing dropping to around 450 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will remain generally well bonded and stable on all aspects at all altitudes. However isolated localised shallow windslab deposit will still be present in sheltered locations these are mainly on North-West through to North-East aspects and above 900 metres where the avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 19/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

The overnight conditions were mainly dry with the freezing level around 400 metres. Above 600 metres it was very cloudy with fresh South-Easterly winds. Riming was taking place at 870 metres in the misty damp conditions.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The cool dry conditions have helped to consolidated the snowpack further, on most aspects and at all levels it is generally stable and well bonded. Some isolated localised shallow windslab deposits still exist in some sheltered locations on mainly North-West through to North-East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Mainly above 600 metres.

Comments

Winds should start to ease slowly during Wednesday. The snowpack surface will be hard and icy.