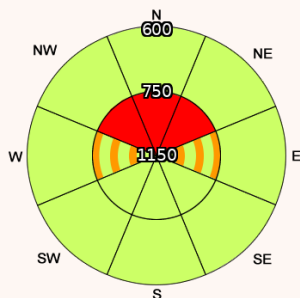


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2010



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

Overnight heavy snow showers and gale force Southerly winds. During the day winds will become lighter and South-Westerly with no precipitation.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow will continue to develop very unstable accumulations of windslab in sheltered areas. The greatest accumulations will be on North-West to North-East aspects mainly above 800 metres. Other aspects will have isolated pockets of unstable windslab due to cross loading. All new deposits of windslab have formed on an icy surface layer and are weakly bonded and avalanches will occur. The avalanche hazard will be High. New cornices are also very fragile.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight snow showers above 300 metres and strong South-Easterly winds affected the area. The snow showers died out this morning but the strong South-Easterly winds continued causing significant drifting.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable layered windslab accumulations have formed mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 800 metres. In sheltered hollows and gullies these new deposit are deep and weakly bonded, field tests produced easy failures. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Light snow cover above 350 metres, greatest amounts above 650 metres.

Comments

Careful route choice required