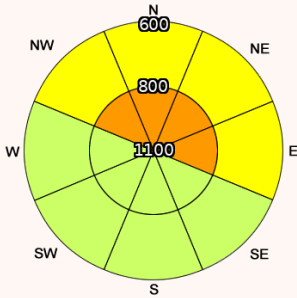


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2010



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

Heavy overnight snow showers will be carried on strong South to South-West winds. Winds and snowfall will ease during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly-stabilised windslab will form on all steep North-West through North to East aspects above 800m where avalanches are likely. There will be localised wind scouring on many South-facing aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Some light overnight snow showers were carried on moderate to strong South-East winds. It remained cold during the day with no additional snowfall.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a surface crust in most places below 800m and in wind-scoured locations at higher altitudes. Accumulations of recent windslab lie on steep North-West through North to North-East aspects above 800m. Slab depth varies but up to 30cm lies on some very sheltered locations at the very top of gullies and corrie rims. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Best cover above 800m and some improvement in prospect.

Comments

Snowfall and winds expected to ease during the day.