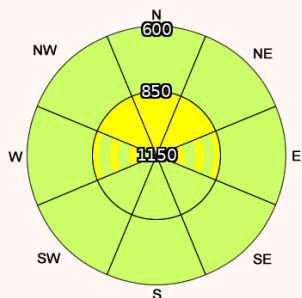


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 22/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 23/01/2010



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 should remain dry with light North-Easterly winds and the freezing level dropping to around 800 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to consolidate as the freezing level drops and it will remain generally well bonded on all aspects. Above 900 metres on North-West through to North-East aspects some localised instabilities will be present in steep sheltered locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 22/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

During the day the winds have veered from South-East to South-West. During the night snow showers heavy at times with a rising freezing level and a slightly milder airstream affected the area.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The milder conditions have helped to consolidate the snowpack which is now generally well bonded on most aspects. Some localised weakly bonded deposits exist on the steeper North-West through to North-East facing aspects and in sheltered gullies above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main accumulations above 600 metres.

Comments

A ridge of high pressure should bring some dry more settled conditions.