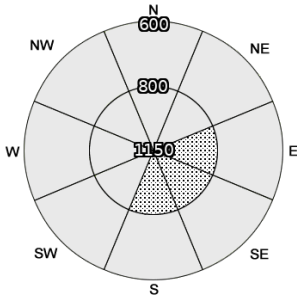


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/01/2010



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 rain is expected overnight with a freezing level of 2100 metres. During the day the freezing level is expected to drop to around 900 metres with very light snow showers and a strong North-West wind.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Heavy rain and mild conditions will cause a period of considerable instability overnight on all aspects above 800 metres. As the freezing level drops below the summits the stability of the existing snowpack will improve. Areas of fresh windslab will form in sheltered locations, mainly on East to South aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

The day was dry with light, generally South-West winds. The freezing level rose to around the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is slowly consolidating in the milder conditions and is generally well bonded. Some instabilities are present on steep West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Currently good cover above 600 metres.

Comments

Climbing conditions expected to improve with the re-freeze.