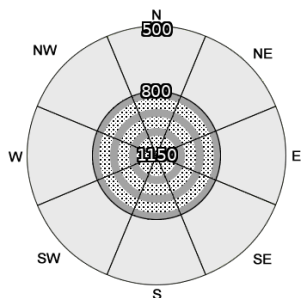


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 26/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 27/01/2010



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

Following some rain there will be a drying trend with some lowering of the freezing level on Wednesday. Winds will be moderate to strong from the West and North-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Above 800 metres there will be some surface instability of loose snow on steep terrain of all aspects where avalanches are likely. Cornices will remain weak. Isolated cornice failure may release into deeper layers but generally the slowly warming snowpack is reasonably stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 26/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

The temperature rose gradually to well above freezing at summit levels through the morning. Winds have been light to moderate from the West and West-North-West with some light rain.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Some skier triggered surface sluffing was noted on a steep South-East aspect at 900 metres. The deeper snowpack is generally stable with weakened cornices a concern. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Heavy snow surface but still good on and off piste cover.

Comments

Still some cold dry snow in the deeper snowpack.