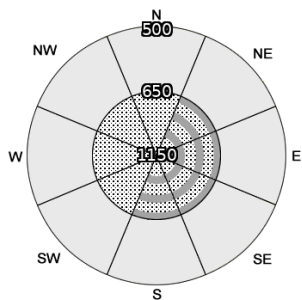


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 27/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 28/01/2010



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

There will be low temperatures with light flurries of snow. The snow showers will increase later with the strong North-Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The colder temperatures will stabilise the existing snowpack further which will become generally well bonded and stable on most aspects  
The new snow accumulations will form unstable windslab on mainly North- East to South aspects above 650 metres with additional localised instabilities on gully exits and corrie rims. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 27/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level has been above the summits since yesterday. There has been minimal snow fall on strong North-Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been substantial consolidation in the snowpack due to the recent thaw and the snowpack is generally well bonded and stable on most aspects and levels. Instabilities remain in the surface layers on all steep aspects. Cornices remain unstable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Exposed ridges are bare otherwise cover remains good.

Comments

Exposed old snow will be frozen by tomorrow and will be firm and icy.