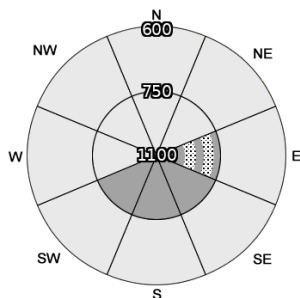


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 28/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 29/01/2010



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

Much colder temperatures with very strong Northerly winds and frequent snow showers.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will become heavily scoured, hard and stable in many locations. Weakly-stabilised windslab will form on very sheltered South-East through South to South-West aspects above 750m. Localised accumulations of windslab will also be cross-loaded in to some steep, sheltered East-facing gullies. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 28/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Colder, but temperatures eased later. Infrequent very light snow showers on North-West then West winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The surface of the snowpack re-froze above 800m giving a crust that became thicker with altitude. Pockets of thin windslab were noted on steep North-East through East to South aspects above 950m. Stability is good in many locations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Effective snow line now approx 600m after the recent meltdown.

Comments

Very strong winds forecast. A lot of good sport to be had for those who are judicious in their choice of route.