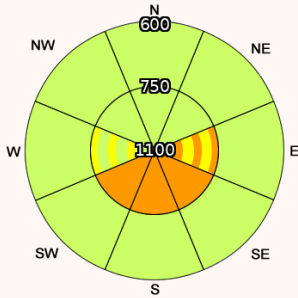


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 29/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 30/01/2010



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 will remain very cold with snow showers throughout. Winds will be strong Northerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Heavily scoured wind-exposed locations will remain hard, icy and stable. Unstable windslab will continue to build on South-East through South to South-West aspects above 750m. Weakly-stabilised snow will also accumulate at the base of some East-facing gullies, on their flanks and multi-aspect exit slopes where avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 29/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Very cold with snow showers. Winds were strong North-West to Northerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind-scoured locations are hard, icy and stable. Cold, weak windslab lies on steep South-East through South to South-West-facing gullies and corrie backwalls above 750m. Poorly consolidated snow has also accumulated in pockets at the base of some East-facing gullies, on their flanks and multi-aspect exit slopes. Cornice-triggered avalanches ran on several steep South-South-East aspects during the morning. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Effective snow line now approx 600m. Ski-tourers should break out their harscheissen and sharpen their edges.

Comments

Climbers on - Smiths, Missed the Post, Last Post, South Post, North Post, a variant of Staghorn Gully plus others on Friday. Car park full. Meggie expected to be very busy this week-end.