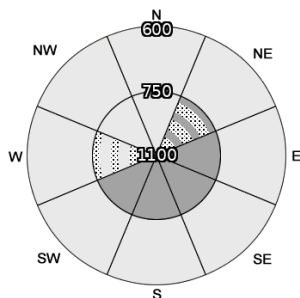


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 30/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2010



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 the forecast period. Winds will be strong North-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

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

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 30/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been very cold with snow showers. Winds were strong North-West and locally Westerly for a time overnight.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind-scoured locations are hard, icy and stable. Cold, weak windslab lies on steep East-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 two steep East-South-East aspects from above 950m during the morning. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Big contrast is snow surface ranging from hard and unyielding to soft, powdery and slabby.

Comments

Many Creag Meagaidh classics climbed on Saturday. Craggs draped with ropes. Car park full again. Subtle shift in wind direction overnight and on Sunday likely to mean some routes will have trouser-filling exit slopes.