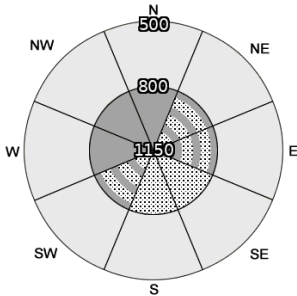


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 04/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 05/02/2010



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 sleet and snow showers tonight, becoming heavier and more persistent tomorrow. Winds will be South-Easterly and the freezing level will be at 900 metres overnight and during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly bonded windslab will form on mainly West to North aspects above 800 metres with localised deposits forming on other aspects due to cross loading. Steep slopes, gully exits and corrie rims will be particularly affected. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 04/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There were light to moderate South-Westerly winds with some new snow accumulations. Temperatures remained below freezing.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been a significant redistribution of snow which has accumulated on mainly North to East aspects as new windslab deposits above 800 metres. This windslab contains multiple poorly bonded layers. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover remains good above 500 metres.

Comments

Outstanding ski-touring conditions and the recent redistribution of snow has covered much of the previously exposed icy neve.