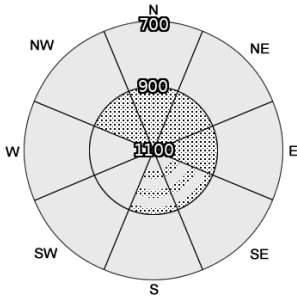


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 09/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 10/02/2010



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

High pressure will maintain the cold and settled conditions although some light snow showers are possible. Mid-day summit temps -4 degrees C, winds will be light North becoming North-Westerly

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Although the snowpack continues to consolidate, pockets of localised instability will persist on many aspects above 900m. New accumulations may result in marginally bonded deposits on South to South West aspects. Large cornices exist particularly above North-East and Easterly aspects. Below 800m on all aspects the snowpack is re-frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 09/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Some overnight snow showers cleared to give a mostly dry and cold day. Freezing to all levels overnight remaining well below summits during the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Pockets of localised instability exist. The overnight snow showers resulted in some new windslab accumulations forming on mostly South-Easterly aspects. Where tested at 800m on a SE facing slope several easy shears were obtained where the newer denser slab overlies softer more fragile layers. Below 800m the snowpack is generally well bonded and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Remains good above 750m.

Comments

Many routes across the grades being climbed. Large cornices exist in the Inner Coire Ardair with the largest towards the window end. Exits above the Pipes and above the main Post face looking less troublesome.