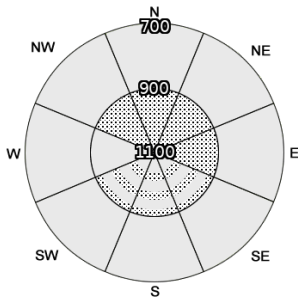


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 10/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 11/02/2010



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

Overnight the winds will be light North-Westerly and Northerly in the day with some occasional snowfall during the morning. The freezing level will be at 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The fluctuating temperatures will continue to consolidate the snowpack. Pockets of localised instability will persist on many aspects above 900m especially in steepest gully exits and around coire rims. Any accumulations may result in marginally bonded deposits on South to South-West aspects. Below 800m on all aspects accumulations will be re-frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 10/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

A light dusting from overnight snow showers above 800m cleared to give a mostly dry and cold day. Cloud base hung around summits for much of the day with freezing all levels overnight dropping to around 600m during the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The fluctuating temperatures continue to consolidate the snowpack. Pockets of localised instability remain on many aspects above 900m, especially in steepest gully exits and around coire rims. Large cornices exist above North-East through East to South East aspects. Below 800m the snowpack is re-frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Remains good above 750m. On most wind exposed slopes conditions underfoot are hard with an icy breakable crust in many locations

Comments

Cover in plateau areas still excellent for ski touring; although an initial carry to 700m or thereabouts required - depending on inventiveness with snow patches!