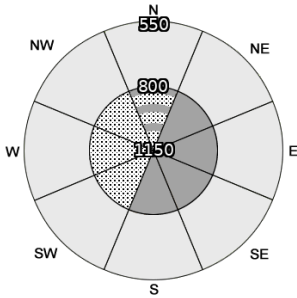


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 14/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 15/02/2010



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

Snow showers above 850 metres these will become more persistent through the night with heavy snow showers around dawn and fresh Westerly winds. During the day snow showers becoming more scattered with strengthening North-Westerly winds, the freezing level will lower to 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will accumulate in sheltered locations especially gullies and slopes with a North-East through East to South facing slope mainly above 850 metres. Northerly aspects at a similar altitude will have localised deposits of weakly bonded snow due to cross loading winds. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 14/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight there was some light precipitation falling as snow above 870 metres accompanied by moderate North-Westerly winds. This morning generally dry conditions with the freezing level around the summit tops. This afternoon some light snow again above 1000 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of moist soft slab are present in many sheltered areas. These deposits are not very significant except on the steepest slopes with the greatest deposits being on East to South aspects above 900 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack is moist but generally stable with shallow new deposits well bonded. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main cover above 700 metres.

Comments

Snowpack stability will begin to improve slightly as colder conditions start affecting the area.