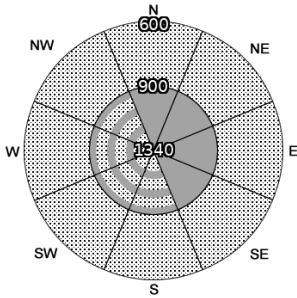


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 15/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 16/02/2010



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 will continue overnight and through the day. Winds will be variable in direction; being from the West overnight, and the South-East through the day. The freezing level will be around 450 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will be added to the already significant quantities on North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. However, the variable winds will also deposit areas of windslab on other aspects. Avalanches are likely on any steep slopes and gullies where the windslab accumulates. Fresh delicate cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 15/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Heavy snow showers fell overnight and through the day. Moderate winds were from the South-West or West. The freezing level slowly dropped, and was around 600 metres during the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant quantities of windslab have been deposited mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. In general this windslab shows moderate to poor stability. Evidence of a recent avalanche release was noted in a gully with an Easterly aspect at an altitude of 1200 metres. Fresh, delicate cornices were observed. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover above around 800 metres.

Comments

Skiing conditions continue to improve with further snow fall.