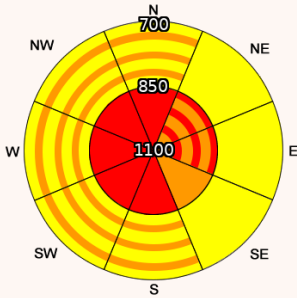


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 16/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 17/02/2010



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

Remaining cold with heavier overnight snowfall on moderate North-East winds. Significant re-distribution of snow also expected. No precipitation is forecast during the day and winds will be moderate South-Easterly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Additional weakly-stabilised windslab will form on all South through West to North aspects above 850m. Older poorly bonded windslab will persist in localised areas of steep North through East to South-facing ledges, gully tops and corrie rims. Avalanches will occur in all these locations. All cornices will be prone to sudden collapse with low additional loading. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 16/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Cold with snow overnight and during the day. Winds were moderate South-Westerly and then light, variable during the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly-bonded windslab lies on slopes of many aspects. Deepest accumulations lie on North through East to South-East aspects above 900m where stability is very poor. Steep gully tops, gullies and ledges above 900m on most other aspects affected. Numerous spindrift avalanches observed. Avalanche debris noted in a North-East-facing gully in the Inner Coire. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Excellent plateau cover with fresh snow at all levels on Tuesday.

Comments

Be aware of routes with overhanging cornices worth as they may be unstable.