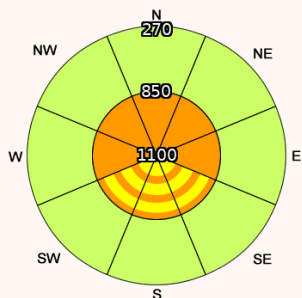


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/02/2010



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

Light snow showers are expected to become heavier later in the day. It will remain cold with light, variable winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unconsolidated fresh snow is expected to accumulate on slopes of most aspects above 850m. Some sluffing and loose snow releases are possible on steep slopes of most aspects above 800m. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 18/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Cold and dry with very light winds. A little warmth from afternoon sun at lower altitudes.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New avalanche debris noted on a North-East and numerous single point releases observed on many steep sun-exposed South-East through South to South-West aspects. Minor skier-triggered slab releases observed at lower altitudes later in the day. Heavily-shaded North to North-East aspects above 850m remained cold and retain soft unconsolidated snow in quantity. Instability is now less widespread. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Excellent complete cover, best above 650m..

Comments

Blue-sky day at Creag Meagaidh on Thursday and definite warmth in the sun during the afternoon. Watch out for barely covered rocks when ski-touring and be prepared for snow-heather surfing at lower altitudes!