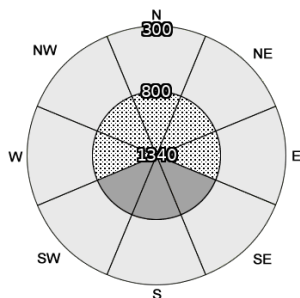


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 20/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 21/02/2010



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

Another dry, sunny and settled day is expected. Although the freezing level will generally be around 300 metres, the sun's rays are expected to be quite strong. Southerly winds will be light.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected. Soft unconsolidated snow will exist on all aspects. On steep South-East to South-West aspects above 800 metres, where the snowpack is exposed to the full strength of the sun, stability will be poor and point release avalanches of various sizes are expected, especially during the afternoon. Cornices on these aspects will be prone to collapse. Stability will be better on Northerly aspects, and other shady locations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 20/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was another dry and sunny day with light winds. Although temperatures were generally below freezing, the sun's rays were strong on Southerly aspects.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large quantities of soft unconsolidated snow exist on all aspects. Above 800 metres, on steep South-East to South-West aspects, where the snow is exposed to the full strength of the sun, areas of poor stability were observed. Point release avalanches of various sizes were noted on South and South-East aspects around 1100 metres. On Northerly aspects, and in shaded locations, stability is better. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Great cover of soft snow at higher levels.

Comments

Another beautiful day expected in Lochaber on Sunday.