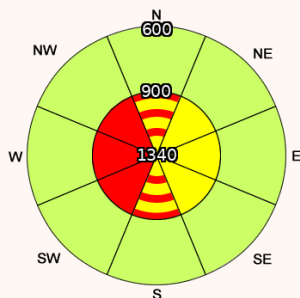


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 22/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 23/02/2010



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 cold and dry day is expected with strengthening Easterly winds, strong by afternoon. After a frosty night the freezing level will rise to around 300 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large quantities of unconsolidated snow will exist on all aspects. Through the day, and especially during the afternoon, this will drift onto South-West to North-West aspects above 900 metres, and burying a very weak and fragile layer of surface hoar. Avalanches will occur in areas where significant deposits of windslab accumulate. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 22/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was a dry, cold and sunny day with light winds. Temperature were below freezing at all levels.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack continues to very slowly consolidate in the settled conditions. On Southerly aspects it is developing a bit of a sun crust. On northerly aspects it remains very cold and powdery. Minor instabilities exist on steep slopes on all aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

A good cover of soft snow making for good skiing but hard going on foot off any paths.

Comments

Another sunny day expected on Tuesday. Make the most of as less settled conditions are expected after that.