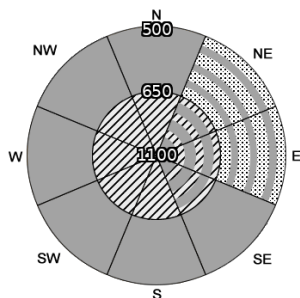


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 25/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 26/02/2010



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 strong East or East North-East winds and persistent heavy snow showers which will ease during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Very deep unstable windslab will continue to accumulate on top of an already weak snowpack. Avalanches will occur mainly, but not exclusively, on all South through West to North aspects above 650m. The avalanches may be large and the run-outs long. Avalanches are also likely wherever deep fresh snow overlies the older snowpack in other locations. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 25/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been cold with strong North-East or Easterly winds and persistent heavy snow showers throughout.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Deep, unstable windslab lies in many places, at low altitudes and on modestly angled ground. Build up has been rapid and is deepest on South through West to North aspects above 650m where stability is very poor indeed. All new snow fractures and fails easily on very weak buried layers. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Fresh deep snow at all levels. Access extremely difficult.

Comments

Big avalanches in prospect, some of which may take out the main path in Coire Ardair.