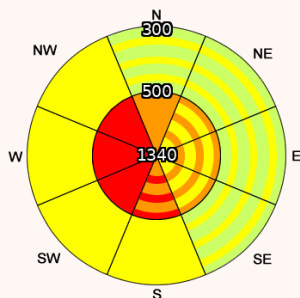


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 27/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 28/02/2010



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 day with moderate North-Easterly winds is expected. The freezing level will be around 450 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind transportation and re-deposition of the snowpack will continue. This will add to the large areas of unstable hard windslab which exists mainly on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres where avalanches will occur. Some pockets of slab will also be found on other aspects due to cross loading. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 27/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has generally been dry throughout the period. Strong to moderate winds were generally from the East, with a freezing level of around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Despite the lack of precipitation, further windslab development has continued due to drifting snow. Significant areas of hard windslab exist on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres, and in some places, especially in sheltered locations, overlies a weak layer creating a very unstable combination. Signs of instability, and recent avalanche debris were noted on a West aspect at 650 metres. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover down to a couple of hundred metres above sea level.

Comments

Walking conditions variable, in some areas the snow is firm enough to support your weight, in other areas it is not. Avalanche activity was observed at 1100m in the Red Burn area, fracture line 500m across 1m deep, running to Halfway Lochan.