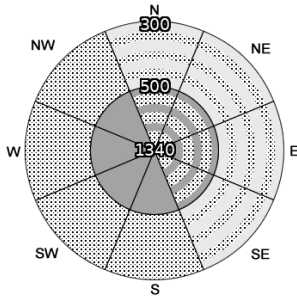


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010



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

Moderate Northerly-Westerly winds will ease and back to the South-West. It will be dry with long sunny spells. After a frosty start the freezing level will rise to around 500 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected in the snowpack conditions. A deeply buried layer of facets will continue to create instabilities in the extensive areas of unstable windslab which will exist mainly on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres where avalanches are likely. Wind redistribution will continue to create some patches of poorly bonded windslab on other aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was a beautiful winter's day with long periods of sunshine and light North-Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of windslab exists on South through West to North-West aspects, and in other sheltered locations above 500 metres. In many places, this windslab overlies a weak, sugary layer of facets. Patches of slab were also noted on other aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

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

Comments

Buried surface hoar layers and facets likely to create a significant avalanche hazard for quite some time.