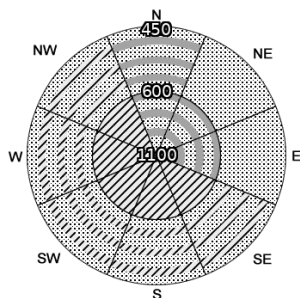


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010



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

It will remain cold with moderate North-North-West later light South-South-West winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A little drifted snow may accumulate on East to Southerly aspects above 700m putting additional load on a very weak snowpack. Buried very weak layers will persist under old, hard and deep windslab deposits mainly on South-East through South to North-West aspects above 600m where avalanches will occur. Localised instability will also remain on other steep, sheltered locations. The avalanche hazard will be High

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been cold with light to moderate Northerly winds. A little warmth in the sun at lower altitudes.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There was a trace of drifting of snow on to steep South to West aspects above 900m. Very weak layers persist underneath old hard windslab on most South-East through South to North-West aspects above 600m. Slope settlement is widespread with whumphing noises at relatively low altitude and shallow gradient. Two very large natural avalanches crossed the path in Coire Ardair narrowly missing 4 people at 3pm. Debris reported to be up 6m deep. The avalanche hazard remains High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Complete cover. Some wind-exposed slopes, ridges and some plateau areas remain scoured.

Comments

Avalanches were 400m x 1.5m and 100m x 2.5m crownwalls close to each other on SW aspects at approx 900m, the deeper one snapping 6 mature trees in transit. Both natural events, not triggered. Check our blog later this evening.