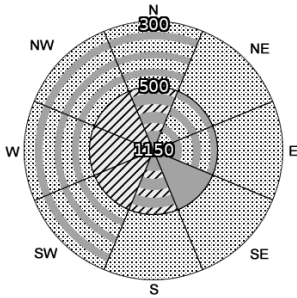


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010



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 is expected to remain dry and cold. The winds are expected to be moderate North-North-West overnight, backing to the South-South-West and easing through the day. The freezing level is expected to rise from sea-level to around 500 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Existing weaknesses will persist. Poorly bonded windslab overlying very weak layers of buried surface hoar and facets will be present in sheltered gullies and slopes, mainly on South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres, where avalanches will occur. More isolated areas of poorly bonded windslab will also be present on other aspects. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was cold and dry overnight and through the day. The wind was light and mainly Northerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of poorly bonded windslab are present, mainly on South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres. Areas of poorly bonded windslab are also present in sheltered locations on other aspects. In many areas this windslab overlies very weak buried layers of surface hoar or facets, where it is particularly unstable. Surface instabilities are also present on slopes subject to the effects of the sun. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow above 200 metres. Some windward ridges and slopes scoured.

Comments

Multiple recent crown walls were observed on West and North-West aspects at altitudes between about 600 metres and 1000 metres.