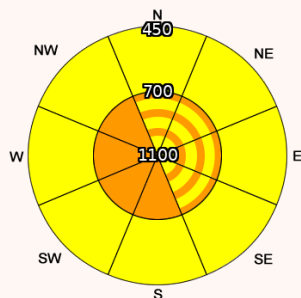


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 03/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 04/03/2010



| Hazard Level | Avalanche Probability |
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| 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 overnight and winds will freshen and become West-North-Westerly. There will be a little light snow during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak layers will persist beneath older snow maintaining poor stability mainly on steep South through West to North-West aspects above 700m where avalanches are likely. Localised instability in many other locations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 03/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was very cold and clear overnight but warmer as the day progressed with hazy sunshine. Winds have been light and variable.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been some strengthening of older windslab layers but weak buried layers persist at the bottom of the snowpack. Weaker zones are now less widespread and confined to open slopes convexities and the tops of gullies and corrie backwalls mainly on South-East through South to North-West aspects above 700m. Scoured areas are well-stabilised. Surface hoar noted on all shaded aspects. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Complete cover. Snow surface varies from icy scoured to hard slab, or powdery depending on altitude and aspect. A little spring snow in places at lower altitudes during the afternoon.

Comments

Creag Meagaidh very quiet on Wednesday.