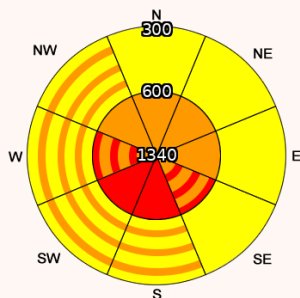


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 04/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 05/03/2010



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

The wind is expected to be strong North-North-Westerly overnight and through the day. Above around 700 metres light snow is expected overnight and moderate snowfall during the day. Below around 700 metres the precipitation will be rain.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will be deposited in sheltered gullies and hollows and on mainly East through South to South-West aspects above 700 metres. This will add further loading to some existing areas of poorly bonded windslab where weak layers persist. Wet snow instabilities will be present below 700 metres. Avalanches will occur. Fresh cornices will be unstable. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 04/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It remained dry with light mainly Westerly winds. The freezing level rose to around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Extensive areas of windslab are present mainly on South through West to North-West aspects above 500 metres. In many areas this windslab overlies a weak layer of facets and shows poor stability. More localised, mainly shallow, deposits of poorly bonded windslab also exist on other aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow at most levels; slowly thawing at lower levels.

Comments

More snow is expected.