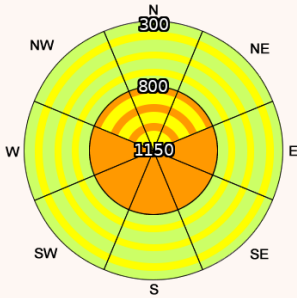


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 05/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 06/03/2010



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

Strong North-North-Westerly winds will persist overnight moderating on Saturday. There will be no precipitation and the freezing level will be 900 metres overnight rising to 1000 metres on Saturday.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind transport of existing deposits will continue to form unstable accumulations of windslab in sheltered summit gullies of many aspects and on steep East through South to South-Westerly slopes mainly above 800 metres. Instabilities will remain within the deep older windslab on Westerly aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 05/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There have been strong North-Westerly winds with some new snow above 800 metres later today. The freezing level is around 1000 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind transport of snow is forming unstable windslab in the most sheltered gullies and hollows and on East through South to South-Westerly aspects mainly above 900 metres. Existing weakly bonded deposits remain on other Westerly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable. Fresh debris noted below a steep Easterly aspect from 1000 metres.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow mainly above 300 metres.

Comments

Weather outlook improving with more settled conditions expected soon. Cornices will be prone to collapse.