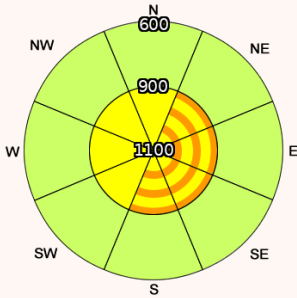


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 10/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 11/03/2010



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

Light snow showers on much stronger West or North-West winds will affect the area from late morning onwards.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Good stability in many places. Forecasted snowfall amounts expected to be modest but drifting will result in deeper deposits of weakly-stabilised windslab accumulating on top of surface hoar on steep North-East through East to South aspects above 900m. New windslab development not expected to be widespread. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 10/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Little change: dry and bright again with warmth from the sun and cooler all day in shaded places. Temperatures rose gradually. Winds were light and variable.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Softening of surface layers again noted on sun-exposed aspects. Strengthening older slab is giving good stability in many places though buried weak layers beneath this still producing clean relatively easy shears in field tests. Surface hoar present later in the day in many shaded locations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover complete only above 650m on Weds.

Comments

New windslab expected to be thin and localised but poorly bonded to pre-existing surface hoar.