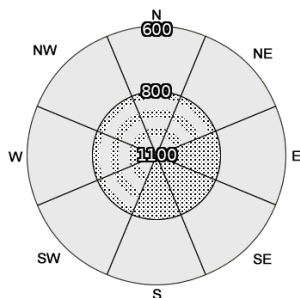


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 11/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 12/03/2010



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 overnight which will die out during the day. Winds will be strong North-West. It will become a little colder.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability expected to be good in many places. Little snow forecasted but pockets of new, marginally bonded windslab may form on very steep East to South aspects above 800m. Many cornices will be collapse-prone. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 11/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Mild with light sleety snow showers over summits and light drizzle at lower altitudes. Winds were strong West or North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised accumulations of moist and poorly bonded windslab lie on steep North-East through East to South-East aspects above 1000m. Surface layers of the snowpack are damp below 900m in most other locations with wet sluffs near rock outcrops noted in a few places. Cornices beginning to sag. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moist, thawing surface layers up to approx 900m on Thursday.

Comments

Cooler for a day or two but outlook into next week looking mild.