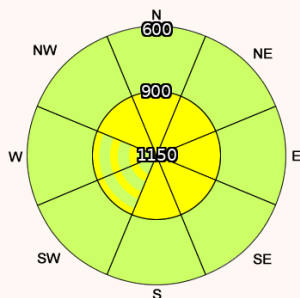


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 15/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 16/03/2010



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

It should remain generally dry overnight and during the day. Winds will be Westerly backing to the South-West and increasing in strength. Freezing level will be around 800 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Drier and slightly colder conditions will help to consolidate the wet surfaces layers of the snowpack. A refreeze cycle will take place above 800 metres producing an icy crust. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 15/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Heavy showers overnight and through the morning with some snow and sleet above 950 metres. The winds were strong mainly from the West. The afternoon was much drier with some sun.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is generally moist at all levels and wet snow instabilities are present on many steep slopes on all aspects. Cornices are unstable and prone to collapse acting as a trigger for slopes below. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moist snow above 600 metres.

Comments

Summit temperatures are expected to be plus 2/3c.