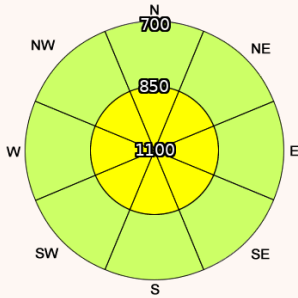


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 19/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 20/03/2010



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

Drier with scattered sleety snow showers. Winds will become moderate West-North-Westerly and freezing close to summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A slow improvement in stability is expected in the drier, cooler conditions. Wet snow instability will persist in steep locations, in particular in gullies and steep scarp slopes. Cornices will remain wet and only marginally stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 19/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Wet and generally mild with very strong South-West, locally Westerly winds. Showers of sleet and graupel over summits later in the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is very wet and weakly stabilised below 1000m. Avalanche activity observed on a steep Easterly aspect around midday. Recent debris from numerous loose snow and slab avalanches noted below steep North-East through East to South-East aspects. Cornice debris present in many places. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet, soft snow at most levels. Looking distinctly patchy with best cover now above 800m

Comments

Freezing level forecasted to be 1100m overnight and during the day.