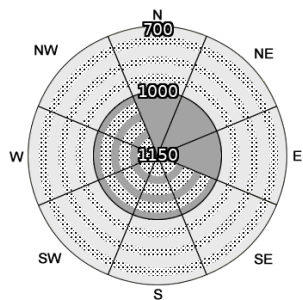


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 21/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 22/03/2010



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

Overnight rain will clear to snow showers during the morning. Strong winds will be from the South-West. The freezing level will drop to approximately 1100 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight and early in the morning wet snow instabilities are expected on steep slopes on all aspects above 1000 metres. As the freezing level drops, and the rain turns to snow, areas of fresh poorly bonded windslab will be deposited on North to East aspects, and in other sheltered locations above 1000 metres. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 21/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was a cloudy day with some light rain which fell as snow on the summits. Moderate winds were from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

At higher levels, colder overnight temperatures have consolidated the snowpack. There was a dusting of new snow on the summits. However, these fresh deposits were not significant. At lower levels the snowpack continues to gently thaw. Stability is generally good. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover in higher coires, getting patchy elsewhere.

Comments

A damp cloudy day today, much stormier conditions expected tomorrow.