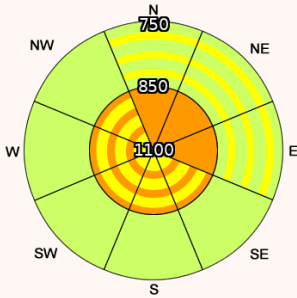


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 21/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 22/03/2010



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 at all levels will become heavy before clearing during the morning. Snow showers are then expected above 750 metres on strong South-West winds. The freezing level is expected to drop from 1400 metres overnight to around 1100 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instabilities will be present on steep slopes on all aspects. Fresh poorly bonded windslab will be deposited in sheltered gullies and hollows and on mainly North to East aspects above around 850 metres. Cornices will be prone to spontaneous collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 21/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There were light showers which fell as snow above around 900 metres. The wind was moderate generally South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The stability of the old snowpack is generally good and above 950 metres has consolidated in the colder overnight temperature. There are shallow deposits of fresh snow in sheltered locations, mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main snow cover is above 800 metres.

Comments

Rock and ice fall remain a potential hazard during thaw conditions.