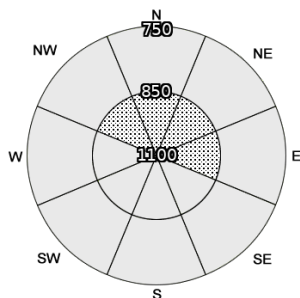


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 22/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 23/03/2010



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

Isolated snow showers are expected overnight with strong South-West winds. It is expected to be dry during the day with strong Southerly winds and a freezing level around 1200 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Deposits of unstable snow will be present in sheltered gullies and hollows and on mainly North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. Cornices will remain unstable and prone to spontaneous collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 22/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight rain continued during the morning and the afternoon, falling as snow showers above about 900 metres. The wind was strong Southerly veering South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There are deposits of fresh snow in sheltered locations, mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 1000 metres. On steep slopes there are some wet snow instabilities on all aspects. Cornices remain unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack at most levels.

Comments

Rock and ice fall remain a potential hazard during these thawing conditions.