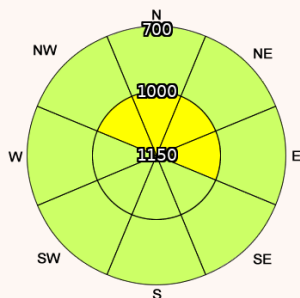


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 23/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 24/03/2010



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 is expected to be dry overnight with a freezing level around 900 metres. During the day moderate precipitation, falling as sleet or wet snow over the summits, is expected with strong Southerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable snow will be deposited in sheltered locations, mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 1000 metres. At lower levels the snowpack will continue to thaw and be generally stable. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 23/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight, showers fell as snow above 700 metres. The day was dry with moderate to strong Southerly winds. The freezing level was around the higher summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There are some fresh accumulations of moderately bonded windslab in sheltered locations, mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. The tops of gullies and around coire rims are most affected. The old snowpack is generally moist and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main accumulations are in high NW through N to E coires.

Comments

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