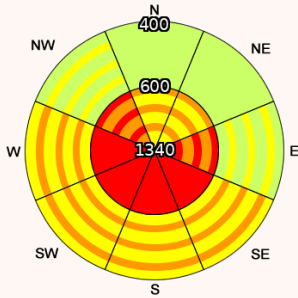


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 30/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 31/03/2010



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

Heavy snow will continue overnight and through the day. Strong winds will be from the North, with a freezing level of around 350 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will continue to be deposited and deep accumulations will exist on South-East through South to West aspects above 600 metres where avalanches will occur. On other aspects unstable windslab accumulations will be present, especially in sheltered locations and gullies. Newly formed cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 30/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Snow fell through much of the night and during the day. Strong winds were from the North-East. The freezing level was around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of soft, poorly bonded windslab is present mainly on South to West aspects but also in other sheltered locations above 600 metres. Exposed windward slopes are scoured, and stability is better. Cornices are prone to collapse. Natural and human triggered cornice collapse and scarp slope failure were noted during field tests on a Westerly aspect at 700 metres. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main accumulations of fresh snow above 500 meters, but many slopes scoured by strong winds.

Comments

Another wild wintery day expected on Wednesday.