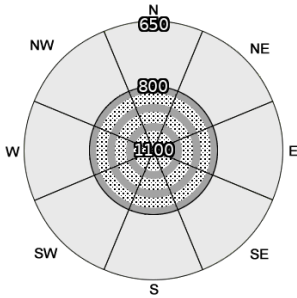


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 03/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 04/04/2010



| Hazard Level | Avalanche Probability |
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| 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

Snow showers overnight and during the day. Winds will be variable but mostly moderate North-Westerly, strengthening for a period overnight before decreasing again to moderate during the day. Freezing levels around 800m with snow to 650m, minus 4 degrees Celcius at summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The forecasted snow showers will result in pockets of new, marginally bonded windslab forming on steep North-East through East to South-East aspects above 800m, where accumulations are greatest there will be an increased localised hazard. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 03/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been dry overnight with freezing close to summits, and overcast for much of the day. A light drizzle below 800m turned to snow after midday. Winds were light variable.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The fluctuating temperatures are helping to consolidate the snowpack which is becoming well bonded below 800m; hard shears within older layers were obtained at 10cm & 29cm on a Southerly aspect at 800m. Afternoon snow showers have resulted in localised accumulations of windslab developing on steep mostly East through South to South-West aspects above 850m. The snowpack is thawing at lower altitudes. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Cover remains good at upper elevations.

Comments

Quieter but sport still to be had