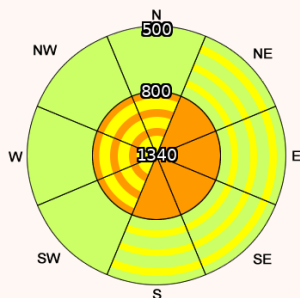


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 03/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 04/04/2010



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 snow will clear through the morning to leave a clear afternoon. Moderate North-North-Westerly winds will back to the South-South-West. The freezing level will vary between around 500 and 800 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will be deposited above 800 metres. The most significant deposits are likely to be on North-East through East to Southerly aspects where avalanches are likely. However, with the variable wind direction, and the affects of cross loading, some unstable deposits are likely on other aspects, especially in sheltered locations. Freshly formed cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 03/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Some snow fell overnight and through the morning. Light winds were from the North-East. The freezing level was around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowfall and variable winds of the last five or so days have resulted in significant areas windslab with quite variable texture being present on most aspects above 900 metres. The majority of this windslab is moderately bonded. However, some poorly bonded accumulations were noted, especially on higher North and East aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover above about 600 metres.

Comments

Some great climbing and skiing conditions expected in Lochaber on Sunday. Make the most of it though, because it looks like it is back to gales and rain on Monday.