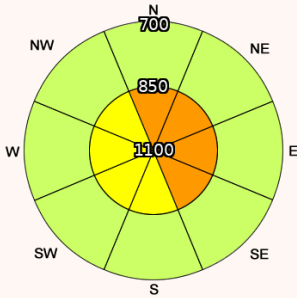


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 07/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Thu 08/04/2010



| 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

During the night heavy falls of sleet are expected over the summits with a freezing level of around 1200 metres and moderate to strong West-South-West winds. During the day sleet or wet snow is expected above around 900 metres with moderate Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instabilities will be present on steep slopes on many aspects mainly above 850 metres. Sleet or wet snow will be deposited in sheltered areas and instabilities will be greatest where it lies on top of existing windslab, mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above around 900 metres. Cornices will remain unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 07/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

After a dry morning some snow showers occurred in the afternoon which fell as snow above about 900 metres. The wind was moderate Westerly and the freezing level just below the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Above 1000 metres the surface of the snowpack has started to re-freeze. Moderately bonded windslab is present in sheltered areas, mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres, and especially around coire rims and in gully exits. Cornices are unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

The plateau remains covered.

Comments

Rockfall and cornice collapse observed in Coire Ardair today.