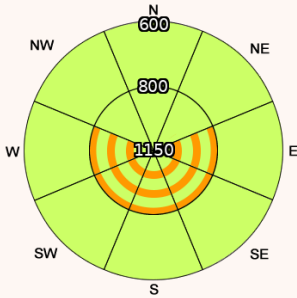


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 08/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 09/04/2010



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

The weekend will see more direct radiation, warmer temperatures and easing winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Loose snow avalanches are likely on steep sun exposed terrain above 800 metres. Cornices and deep ground releases are also a concern. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 08/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Warm, windy and some very occasional rain showers.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Surface snow is moist, coarse grained and generally well bonded. There are slush layers in the snowpack. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good plateau cover reported by BMRT on Macdui.

Comments

The timing of deep ground release avalanches is tricky to predict particularly after this record snowfall winter. Cornice failure is also still a concern. Best if possible to avoid these areas, specially during warm periods. Generally when cooler these zones will be more stable.