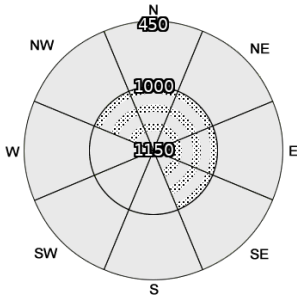


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 08/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 09/04/2010



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

There will be light showers of rain with fresh winds initially from the West backing to the South-West becoming moderate. Freezing levels will remain above the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Mild conditions will maintain a generally soft and moist snowpack at all levels. Stability will be good in most areas but potential weaknesses will exist on the very steepest slopes, in particular corniced areas, summit gully exits and wherever creep lines are evident in the snowpack. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 08/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Heavy rain and sleet with wet snow above 1000 metres fell overnight. Conditions have become much drier today with only occasional light showers of rain. The freezing level is above the summits. Current winds are fresh from a Westerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A return to drier conditions today is aiding the consolidation process of the snowpack. In most areas stability is now good but some wet snow instabilities remain on the very steepest of slopes in particular around the tops of summit gullies and corniced areas. The avalanche hazard is Moderate. Cornice triggered debris from an overnight event noted on a North-North-East aspect from 1000 metres.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Main snow cover in the higher corries.

Comments

Cornices will remain prone to collapse.