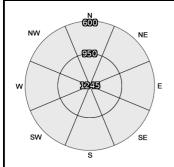
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Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 18/01/2011 TO 18:00HRS Wed 19/01/2011



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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 and during the day no precipitation is expected. Winds will be moderate to light North-Westerly. The freezing level will be at 750 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to stabilise and will generally be well bonded and stable on all aspects and altitudes. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 18/01/2011

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a cold dry day with a moderate Westerly wind.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is well bonded and stable at all levels and on all aspects. Some newer snow deposits are present in very isolated sheltered places on East aspects above 950 metres but these are generally well bonded. The avalanche hazard is Low

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Good snow cover above 700 metres, patchy below
Comments	Snowpack hard and icy - good winter conditions - serious runouts.