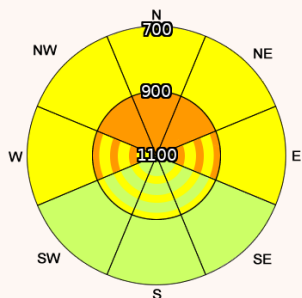


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 20/02/2011 TO 18:00HRS Mon 21/02/2011



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

Remaining relatively cold and dry throughout with moderate to strong South, later South-East, winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly to marginally stabilised windslab will remain on North- West through North to North-East aspects above 900 metres. Most affected areas will be gully exits and the top of steep corrie backwalls; large cornices will continue to overhang many of these locations. Wind exposed places will remain scoured and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 20/02/2011

Observed Weather Influences

Generally dry throughout with moderate Southerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly stabilised windslab lies on steep North-West through North to North-East aspects above 850 metres. Field tests led to easy shears within surface layers and above a deeper buried melt freeze crust. Cornices are well developed above very steep lee slopes of the same aspects. Wind-exposed locations remain well stabilised. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Cover remains good above 700m and more or less continuous above 800m.

Comments

Creag Meagaidh very busy on Sunday.