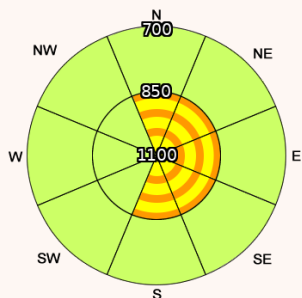


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 25/02/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sat 26/02/2011



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

Colder weather accompanied by snow showers will affect the area. The winds will veer from SW to NW and reduce in strength.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack will stabilise as temperatures drop. There will be a build up of marginally stabilised windslab on steep North-East through East to South aspects above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 25/02/2011

Observed Weather Influences

Very mild conditions with frequent heavy rain showers persisted throughout the day accompanied by strong SW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A continuing thaw has further depleted the snowpack which has become fairly wet and saturated. There is a risk of cornice collapse and falling ice especially in the Inner Corrie area. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Reasonable snow cover remains above 850m with large patches on the plateau area.

Comments

Stability will be much improved as the freezing level drops during the night before the onset of snow showers.