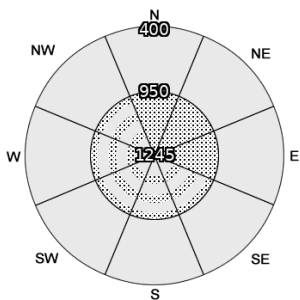


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 23/03/2011 TO 18:00HRS Thu 24/03/2011



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

It is expected to be dry with light West-North-West winds. The freezing level will be above the tops.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to thaw in all locations. Loose surface snow instabilities will persist on most aspects particularly steep Northerly through East to South-East aspects above 950 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack will be generally well bonded. Remaining cornices will be unstable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 23/03/2011

Observed Weather Influences

It has been another mild day with light drizzle at times and moderate Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is thawing on all aspects and altitudes. Above 950 metres soft, loose surface snow still exists mainly on North-West through North and East to South-East aspects. Creeping cracks were noted on a steep North aspect at 1000 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack is generally well bonded. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Remaining snow soggy, large patches above 750m, ribbons below this level.

Comments

Rockfall and cornice collapse a potential hazard.