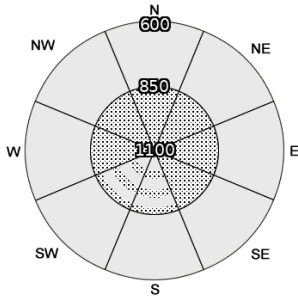


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 23/03/2011 TO 18:00HRS Thu 24/03/2011



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

Throughout the forecast period it is expected to be dry with the freezing level above the summits. Winds are expected to be moderate West-North-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to slowly thaw at all levels. Instabilities will remain on steep slopes and gullies, mainly above 850 metres. Glide cracks are present on some steep slopes and will continue to open. Remaining cornices, mainly on North through East to South-East aspects, will be unstable and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 23/03/2011

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level remained above the summits. There was some light rain during the morning; the afternoon was dry. Winds were strong Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is moist at all levels. Wet snow instabilities are present on steep slopes mainly above 850 metres. Glide cracks are opening on a few steep slopes. Cornices are weakening and remain unstable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover is patchy with main cover above 750 metres.

Comments

Rock and ice fall are also hazards in the thawing conditions.