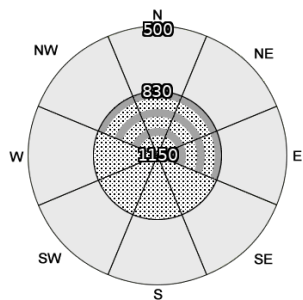


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 29/01/2013 TO 18:00HRS Wed 30/01/2013



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

Moderate snow showers through the period, less frequent in the day with strong Southerly winds these will veer to the West. The freezing level will lower from 1200 metres to 800 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New deposits of windslab will form in sheltered locations mainly on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Where new accumulations overlie the existing melt freeze icy crust, bonding will be poor. Elsewhere the snowpack will be generally well bonded. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 29/01/2013

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight, the freezing level rose above the summits with some rain showers. This morning was mainly dry and freezing above 950 metres, in the afternoon some showers falling as snow above 900 metres. The winds have been strong, South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The overnight mild conditions have helped to consolidated the snowpack, then lower temperatures re-froze surface layers producing an icy crust above 930 metres. The snowpack is now generally well bonded on all aspects above 900 metres, below this elevation the snowpack is slowly thawing. Recent (late yesterday or last night) avalanche activity noted on NW and NE aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Below 850 metres the snowpack is slowly thawing, firm snow-ice above 930 metres. Clear in the morning with poorer visibility in afternoon, some snow at summit level. Southerly winds up to 40 mph, progress difficult at times.

Comments

Above 800 metres areas scoured by the wind will be firm and icy.