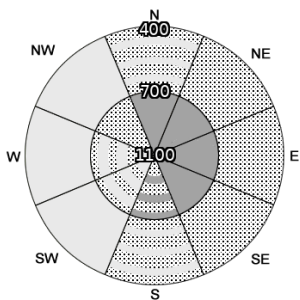


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 16/01/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sat 17/01/2015



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

Winds will be strong easing moderate Westerly backing South-Westerly overnight; light to moderate mainly South-Westerly during the day. After snow showers at all levels overnight the day is expected to be dry.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will continue to form onto existing poorly bonded deposits present in sheltered gullies, hollows and slopes. Greatest accumulations will be on North through East to South-East aspects above 700 metres where avalanches are likely. Other aspects will also be affected due to cross loading. Cornices will be prone to spontaneous collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 16/01/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Winds were strong generally Westerly. It was a cold day with snow showers at all levels and continual drifting.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh weakly bonded windslab is present and continued to be deposited in sheltered areas. Greatest accumulations are on North-East to South-East aspects above 700 metres. Other aspects, especially North and South, are also affected. Cornices above these aspects are weak and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow at all altitudes, with breakable crust in many places - very hard going without skis or snowshoes. Very poor visibility, nil at times, above 800 metres, especially in showers and with blowing snow. Winds 30 -40 mph.

Comments

Significant snow transport continued at higher levels.