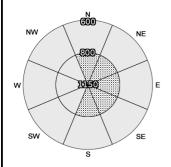
Southern Cairngorms - Issued 09/02/2022

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 09/02/2022 TO 18:00HRS Thu 10/02/2022



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

Precipitation throughout the forecast period, falling as snow above 500 metres, will be heaviest during the morning. Strong South-Westerly winds overnight, increasing to severe gale force by morning, easing as they veer North-North-Westerly during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will build on North, through East to South aspects, above 800 metres, with distribution becoming more significant.

Deepest deposits will form in steep wind sheltered locations such as gully tops and corrie rims. Fragile cornices will form, largest on North-East to South-East aspects. Elsewhere the terrain will be mostly wind scoured and bare. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 09/02/2022

Observed Weather Influences

Light to moderate precipitation, falling as snow to glen level during the morning, easing by early afternoon. The freezing level was around 500 metres. Gale force Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Isolated and avoidable areas of unstable windslab are building on North-East to South-East aspects above 850 metres. Areas most affected are steep, wind sheltered locations such as gully tops and corrie rims. Cornices are beginning to build above these aspects. Elsewhere the snow cover is thin or wind scoured. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Deep drifts above 850 metres in wind sheltered locations only, wind scoured elsewhere. Poor visibility in showers with some brighter spells. Winds 30 - 40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.
Comments	Blizzard conditions expected at times.