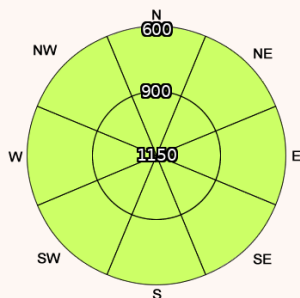


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 11/03/2022

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 11/03/2022 TO 18:00HRS Sat 12/03/2022



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

Heavy overnight rain at all levels, easing during the day. Daytime precipitation will fall as sleet or wet snow above 1050 metres from mid-morning. Storm force South-Easterly winds will ease overnight to become strong Southerly during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining snowpack will be well bonded and stable. At lower elevations the wet snow will continue to thaw, with the process slowing on the highest summits. Shallow and insignificant accumulations of windslab will start to form in wind sheltered locations on North-West to North-East aspects above 1100 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 11/03/2022

Observed Weather Influences

A mild, wet and very windy day with storm force South-Easterly winds. The freezing level lowered during the afternoon to settle around the highest summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The surface layers of the snowpack have become soft and wet but stability is generally good on all aspects. Localised minor surface instability present on the steepest of terrain on West through North to East aspects above 1000 metres. Small cornices above these slopes are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout. Poor visibility above 900m. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Burns are in spate - Take care when crossing!