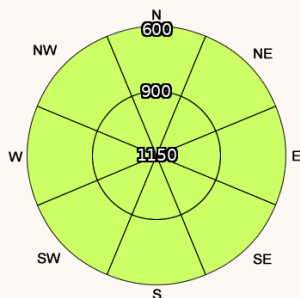


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 26/03/2022

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 26/03/2022 TO 18:00HRS Sun 27/03/2022



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

Cold, clear night, followed by a sunny, warm day. Moderate North-North-Westerly winds at first, easing slightly as they back West-North-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

No change expected, with well bonded and stable snow throughout. Firmer conditions in the early morning with surface layers starting to soften as the day progresses, especially on slopes exposed to the sun. Cornices will continue to slump and glide cracks will become more pronounced. Greatest snow cover will be found on the highest plateau areas and in North to East facing corries above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 26/03/2022

Observed Weather Influences

A mild and sunny day with plus 10 degrees centigrade recorded at 930 metres during the early afternoon. Winds were light South-Westerly during the morning, increasing to moderate as they veered Westerly after midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow is well bonded and stable, with soft surface layers where exposed to the sun and slightly firmer in the shade. Remaining cornice remnants are slumping and prone to collapse. Glide cracks are present around some corrie rims. The snow is thawing rapidly in the mild conditions with broken cover more widespread. High plateau areas and North to East facing corries above 900 metres are holding greatest amounts. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Spring snowpack - very soft at lower elevations on South aspects. Firmer on the highest summits in the shade. Good visibility. Winds approx 10-15 mph at summit elevations.

Comments

Another superb day expected on Sunday. Sun cream and sun glasses required...