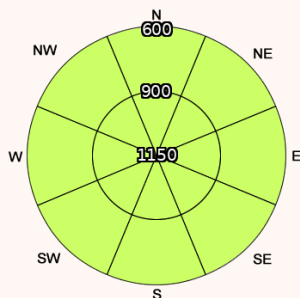


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 27/03/2022

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 27/03/2022 TO 18:00HRS Mon 28/03/2022



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

High pressure will remain in place for the next forecast period with another cold, clear night expected. Dry, sunny conditions at first on Monday morning with cloud building around midday. Light Northerly winds initially, backing West-North-Westerly during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining snow will be well bonded and stable throughout. Firmer slopes expected at first, with surface layers softening later as the morning warms up. Cloud cover developing with less severe thaw conditions expected on South facing slopes than recently experienced. Greatest areas of snow 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 - Sun 27/03/2022

Observed Weather Influences

After a cold, clear night with a frost in the glen, it was a dry, warm and sunny day with light to moderate generally North-Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining snow is well bonded and stable throughout. Surface layers remained firm in sun shaded locations at higher elevations were softening rapidly on South facing slopes. Cover is breaking at all altitudes but remains greatest on the high plateau areas of the main Cairngorm mountains and in North to East facing corries above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Spring snow conditions but still firm and icy in shaded locations. Good visibility. Winds approx 5-15 mph.

Comments

A return to more normal weather conditions for March on Tuesday with snow showers forecast.