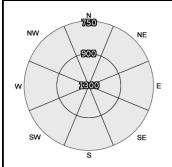
Northern Cairngorms - Issued 26/02/2023

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 26/02/2023 TO 18:00HRS Mon 27/02/2023



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

Dry settled inversion conditions will continue. During the night it will be clear with summit temperatures falling to minus 5C, during the day there will be bands of sub zero air at various altitudes. It will be sunny for the duration of the day. Light West-North-West winds will veer to become moderate Easterly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack found mostly on North through East to Southerly aspects above 1000 metres, will remain firm, well bonded and stable. Localised windslab accumulations on South-East to South-West aspects above 1000 metres will continue to consolidate. These are confined to steep locations such as, gully exits, coire rims and convexities. Surface instabilities will develop on steep sun exposed slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 26/02/2023

Observed Weather Influences

A sunny day with light Northerly winds. Inversion conditions, with bands of sub zero air at various altitudes.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack is firm, well bonded and stable throughout, and is most widespread on North through East to Southerly aspects above 1000 metres. Localised windslab accumulations on South-East to South-West aspects continue to consolidate. Surface instabilities were observed on steep sun affected slopes. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	A thin cover of snow overlies firm patches of snow. Good visibility, sunny for the duration of the day. Calm conditions.
Comments	Although the freezing level will be above the summits the patchy old snowpack will remain firm and icy. Steep slopes will have serious run-out potential into rocks below!