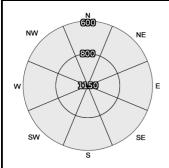
Southern Cairngorms - Issued 25/03/2023

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 25/03/2023 TO 18:00HRS Sun 26/03/2023



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

Winds will be light to moderate strength North-East to Northerly. Dry overnight with light snow showers expected in the morning and later in the afternoon lying to glen levels by the afternoon as the freezing level drops.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected to snowpack stability, new snow amounts will be insignificant and the old snowpack will continue to consolidate and refreeze. Greatest accumulations will remain on mostly North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres, in gullies, coire rims and back walls. Large cornices still overhang North to East aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 25/03/2023

Observed Weather Influences

A cooler day with the freezing level around 800 metres. Winds were light East-North-Easterly with occasional very light precipitation falling as snow above 600 metres or so.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a light dusting of cosmetic snow an all aspects above 800 metres. The old soft snowpack which lies mostly above 900 metres on Northerly to Easterly aspects is becoming firmer with a developing surface crust and remains stable. Greatest accumulations are around coire rims in gullies and coire back walls in the highest locations and plateau areas. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Limited snow cover, good above 800 metres. Good visibility and a mostly calm day with a fresh wind on the summits.
Comments	Remaining cooler and wintry - Snowpack refrozen and firm in places.