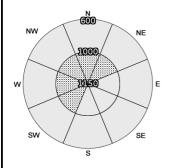
Southern Cairngorms - Issued 15/04/2023

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 15/04/2023 TO 18:00HRS Sun 16/04/2023



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

No precipitation forecast. Moderate Southerly winds, easing to become light during the late afternoon. Cooler overnight, then the air temperature will warm up during the day with the freezing level well above the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The majority of the snow will be soft but generally stable with consolidation continuing to take place in the milder conditions. Localised accumulations of moderately bonded snow will persist in a few steeper, wind sheltered locations on South-West through North-West to North-East aspects above 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 15/04/2023

Observed Weather Influences

A dry day with mainly bright and sunny conditions. Winds strengthened to become moderate, generally Southerly or South-Westerly at summit level. Freezing level rose to 1000 metres by late morning, continuing to rise through the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised moderately bonded windslab persists in steeper, wind sheltered locations on South-West through North-West to North-East aspects above 900 metres. Sharply defined corrie rims, steep gully tops and similarly shaped features are most affected. Elsewhere the shallower snow is soft but mostly stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Soft snow from 850m, still knee deep in places. Good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc.
Comments	Hitting the snowline at 850m on Lochnagar today. This is the last forecast for the 2022-2023 season - Thank you for reading. We will return full-time in December.