Southern Cairngorms

Avalanche Hazard Forecast

Issued 18/01/2024

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/01/2024 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/01/2024

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

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Avalanche Problems



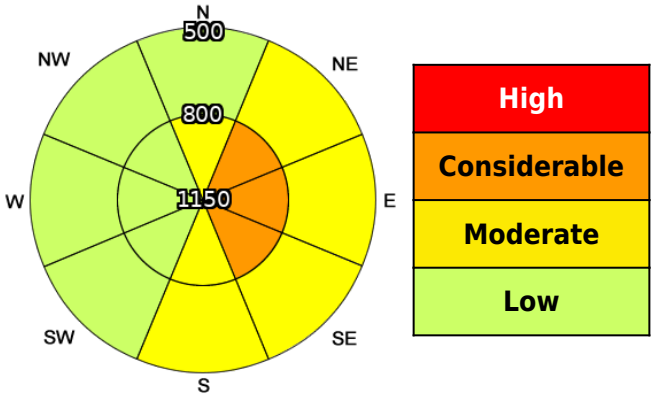
Wind Slab



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Further snowfall and significant drifting will see areas of unstable windslab becoming deeper and more widespread. Stability will be poor with steep terrain on North-East to South-East aspects above 800 metres being most affected with avalanches likely. North and South aspects will also be affected due to cross-loading. Elsewhere, deeper drifts will be encountered in any lee location with exposed ridges scoured with older snow very icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

There will be snow showers throughout, initially to all levels but by afternoon, as the freezing level rises, precipitation will fall as rain below 500 metres. Winds will be very strong throughout, initially North-Westerly but mainly Westerly during this period.

Comments

Potentially a challenging day. Expect very strong winds with poor visibility at times.

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