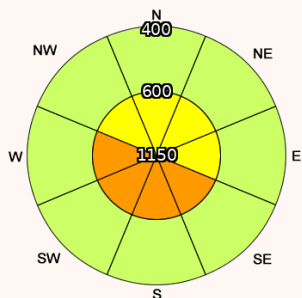


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 08/01/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 08/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 09/01/2010



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

The weather will remain very cold with light Easterly winds and no precipitation.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant instabilities in the snowpack are being preserved by the continued cold temperatures. This is particularly in areas of thin snow cover and transition areas from rock outcrops. Avalanches are likely on South-East to Westerly aspects above 600 Metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 08/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been clear, cold with very light winds and no new precipitation in the report period.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Widespread surface hoar, by elevation and aspect, formed overnight. On steeper Southerly aspect terrain it has been eroded by the sun. Avalanche debris was noted on a South-east aspect at 650 Metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Mountains of white.

Comments

The avalanche debris observed ran to within 150 metres of a road. Piste skiers are advised that avalanche hazards are not monitored outside ski area boundaries. There is some very inviting off-piste terrain. Be sure you know before you go prepared.