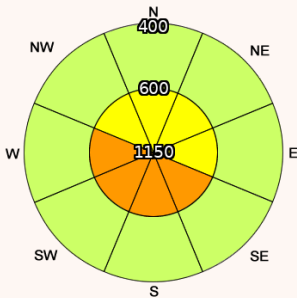


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 09/01/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 09/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 10/01/2010



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

Light winds from the East will become moderate North-Easterly on Sunday. Temperatures will remain cold with no precipitation.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The main aspects of concern are still South-East through South to Westerly. Avalanches are likely where wind slab lies on deeper instabilities above 600 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 09/01/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There were light to moderate snow showers with accumulations up to 5cm in light variable direction winds. Temperatures rose a little but remained below freezing.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The recent surface hoar has been buried in places. Snowpack temperatures have increased a little but deeper instabilities still exist. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Generally good cover, some heather and boulders still to be found.

Comments

Some rounding of facets and depth hoar noted, also recently buried surface hoar. Deeper instabilities persist and could be triggered in super weak zones.