

# Creag Meagaidh - Issued 23/01/2010

## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 23/01/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sun 24/01/2010



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
<b>Very High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>Considerable</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
<b>Moderate</b>	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
<b>Low</b>	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

### Forecast Weather Influences

Some light overnight snow showers are forecast which will be accompanied by moderate North-Easterly, later Easterly winds. Snow showers will die out during the day and it will remain relatively cold.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability will remain good in many locations. Instability will persist on steep North-West through North to North-East aspects above 900m. New marginally-stabilised windslab will begin to gain depth on steep and very sheltered South to West aspects above 900m. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable but localised.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 23/01/2010

### Observed Weather Influences

Dry with cool temperatures overnight. Stronger North-Easterly winds during the day with some light snow showers which fell as rain below 750m.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised poorly-stabilised windslab still lies on many North-West through North to North-East aspects above 950m and small but weak cornices overhang some of these locations. Easy, clean shears showed up in near-surface layers and in the mid-pack during field tests on a North-West aspect at 930m. Stability is good at lower altitudes although some soft, thin windslab was beginning to form on steep, sheltered South to South-West aspects above 900m. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Best cover above 650m with ribbons of snow down to 500m

#### Comments

Car park full on Saturday with overspill parking on the road. Disposable batteries and other detritus left on the path in to Coire Ardair today. Creag Meagaidh is a National Nature Reserve with Natura 2000 European status, please respect that and take your rubbish home with you.