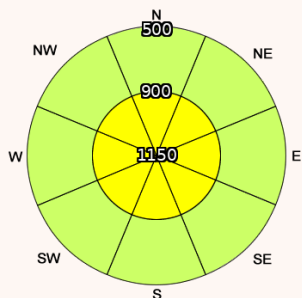


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 07/02/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 07/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 08/02/2010



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

It will be colder with summit temperatures around -4C. Winds will be East backing North-East 20 to 25 mph. A chance of flurries later in the day bringing trace amounts of snow.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The cooling trend will help freeze up any remaining moisture in the upper snowpack and promote a well bonded snowpack. Above 900 metres, isolated patches of windslab still exist. In locations where these deposits are thicker, human-triggered avalanches are possible. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 07/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Temperatures were slightly cooler than the last couple of days and winds were light from the East. Just the odd snow shower to give a sprinkling of new snow on the surface.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is mostly well bonded. In isolated areas above 900 metres, patches of thin windslab overlie hard old surfaces. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Coverage is good above 700 metres and ribbons of snow exist down to about 500 metres.

Comments

Weather and snow conditions both look good, so remember to pack your camera! While not extreme, the wind chill should not be underestimated.