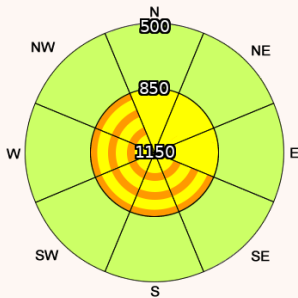


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 11/02/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 11/02/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 12/02/2010



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

Hill snow showers will clear overnight and a high pressure system will bring dry settled conditions. North to North-Easterly winds will be light with the freezing level at 750 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

In general the snowpack will consolidate further however weak layers of poorly bonded windslab resting on graupel persists above 850 metres especially on steeper aspects from South-East through West to North-West. Human triggered avalanches are likley in these localised areas. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 11/02/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There has been some light traces of snow with Northerly winds. Temperatures have been below freezing.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been some consolidation in the snow pack at lower altitudes. Above 850 meters multiple weak, poorly bonded layers persist in the snowpack on mainly South-East through West to North-West aspects. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Excellent cover remains above 500 metres

Comments

Attention required on Corrie rims and gully exits as poorly bonded windslab layers, although localised, are present.