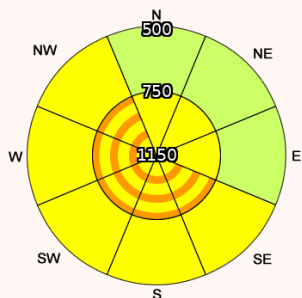


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 02/03/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 02/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 03/03/2010



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

Another fine clear day is forecast with light winds shifting from North-North-West to Southerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Loose surface snow avalanches will be likely on steep South aspects; both natural and triggered. The deeper weakly bonded windslab still exists on South-East through to North-west aspects above 750 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 02/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

A fine, clear cool day with light Westerly winds in Eastern areas and Northerly in other parts.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow transport due to wind was observed in some places. In lee locations there is a wider distribution of surface hoar depending on aspect and elevation. Localised weakly bonded wind slab still exists on steep terrain from South-East through West to North-Westerly aspects above 750 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Excellent complete cover to Mount Keen and beyond..

Comments

Reports of extended ski tours in progress; Stonehaven to Ballater and beyond. Perfect conditions for moderate terrain.