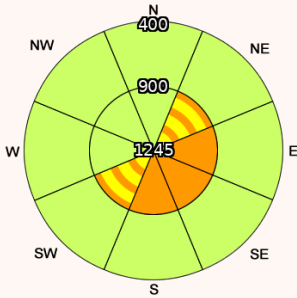


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 11/03/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 11/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Fri 12/03/2010



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

Overnight and during the day the winds will be strong North-Westerly with snow showers that will become less frequent in the daytime. The freezing level will be at 750 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The currently moist snow pack that exists at all levels will refreeze and become more stable. However new accumulations of snow will drift and form unstable windslab on mainly East to Southerly aspects above 900 metres. Gully flanks and scarp slopes will be affected with localised accumulations due to cross loading. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 11/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a milder day with strong Westerly winds and occasional snow showers, freezing at summit levels. Very poor visibility above 650 metres..

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Generally the snowpack is well bonded and stable at all levels and altitudes. Slight drifting of the new snow has been taking place and thin accumulations of windslab has formed in localised lee areas on North-East to South-East aspects mainly above 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover still still, moist snowpack.

Comments

Cold conditions tomorrow will present icy conditions.