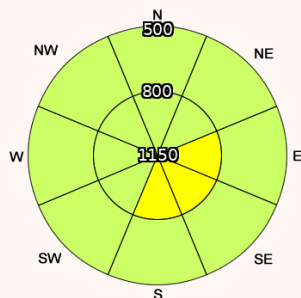


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 26/03/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 26/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 27/03/2010



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

Sleet will become snow on Saturday with the snow line at about 700 metres. Amounts will be light. Winds will be from the West-north-west becoming Westerly up to 35 mph.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Isolated pockets of new wind slab instability will develop on East through South aspects above 800 metres. These will be confined to steep gully exits and scarp slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 26/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

There were occasional light rain showers over the tops with winds increasing to moderate from the South-west.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Although recent glide cracks and cornice debris was observed the overall snow stability is reasonably good. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Surprisingly good cover above 850 metres.

Comments

Loose rock and loose cornices in a receding snowpack.