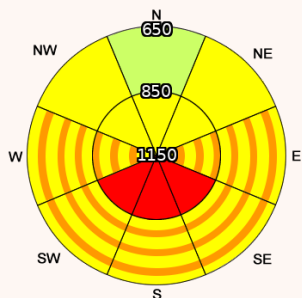


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 30/03/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 30/03/2010 TO 18:00HRS Wed 31/03/2010



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

Prolonged snowfalls, occasionally very heavy with bizzards. Winds will be very strong Northerly and the freezing level will be at 350 meters.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of deep unstable windslab will develop on mainly South- East through South to South West aspects above 850 metres where avalanches will occur. Other aspects will be affected with localised unstable deposits due to cross loading. The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 30/03/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a stormy day with strong winds and moderate amounts of snow. Temperature at 930 metres was -3.8

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations have developed in very sheltered locations on many aspects from valley level. Greatest hazard is to be found above 800 metres on South through West to North West aspects. Where accumulations have developed over steeper older snow-ice stability is poor. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover of new deep drifts or hard snow -ice above 800 metres.

Comments

Another poor day on the mountains is expected.