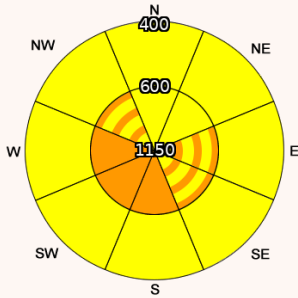


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 02/04/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 02/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Sat 03/04/2010



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

Heavy snow is forecast for Saturday with North-East winds. The snow level will be around 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New storm instability will develop quickly on South-West aspects above 650 metres where avalanches are likely. Localised areas of instability persist on steep scarp slopes, convex terrain and gully exits. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 02/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

It was a fine day with light winds, no new snow and temperatures at 900m were below freezing. There was some warming on South aspects.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow surface softened on Southerly aspects and small loose snow avalanches were observed. The deeper snowpack is strong. The storm snow has consolidated with isolated pockets of instability on steeper, convex terrain. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good plateau cover with some bare areas.

Comments

Another snow cycle with avalanche aspects moving around the compass points.