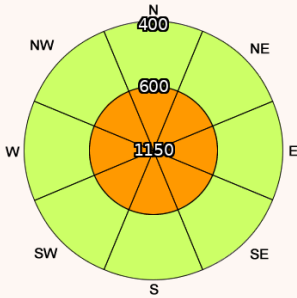


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 05/04/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 05/04/2010 TO 18:00HRS Tue 06/04/2010



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

The trend of rapidly changing spring weather will continue. Freezing level will stay high with some cooling later and snow to 850 metres. Winds will be strong from the South-south-west.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New unstable slab will develop on North to East aspects above 850 metres. Avalanches are likely on all aspects due to the potential triggering by weak cornices and loose moist snow on steep ground. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 05/04/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers turned to rain at all elevations with strong Southerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Cornices are weak, loose snow on steep rock is poorly bonded and there is potential for deep release on lubricated ground slabs or heather slopes on all aspects above 600 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Patchy moist new snow above 750 metres.

Comments

A large glide related avalanche was reported over the weekend. Spring avalanche season is started.