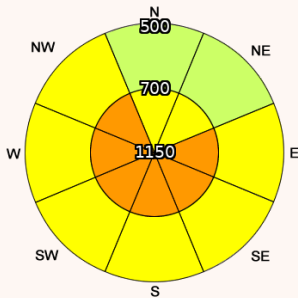


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 19/12/2010

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 19/12/2010 TO 18:00HRS Mon 20/12/2010



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

Very light snow is forecast for the period with another wind direction change back to North-East and North-West. Winds will be light with continued cold temperatures.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The weakly bonded wind slab is more widely distributed by aspect, from East through South to North-West above 700 metres where avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 19/12/2010

Observed Weather Influences

Periodically heavy snow showers had highly variable distribution. Winds were generally light to moderate strength, mainly from the North-East but locally variable across terrain features.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The recently accumulated snow sitting on neve continues to be weakly bonded to the base layer. Two natural avalanches were observed, one on a South-East aspect and one on a West aspect both above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Filling in on all aspects, still some bare spots on higher windward slopes and lower elevations.

Comments

Avalanches noted on variable aspects; cross loading and convex features to be wary of.