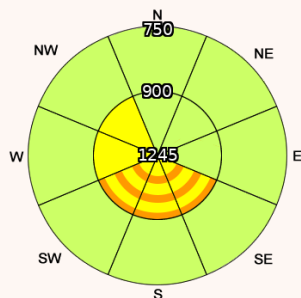


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 26/01/2011

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 26/01/2011 TO 18:00HRS Thu 27/01/2011



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

Overnight and during the day the winds will be moderate to light Easterly, snow showers in the night will die out. The freezing level will be at 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable accumulations of windslab, largely localised, will be present on mainly South-East to South-Westerly aspects above 900 metres, although patches of windslab will be present in hollows on many aspects. Steeper sheltered areas such as, corrie rims and gully flanks will be most affected. Elsewhere the snow pack will be refrozen, well bonded and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 26/01/2011

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a cold day with sometimes heavy snow showers and strong Northerly winds at summit levels. Poor visibility above 900 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has refrozen and is generally well bonded and stable in most areas. However new accumulations of moderately bonded windslab have formed in hollows and sheltered areas on mainly South-East to South-West facing slopes above 900 metres, where this has formed deeper deposits on steeper locations, the snowpack is more unstable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good cover of firm snow above 800m.

Comments

A welcome return to good hard icy conditions. Serious run outs.