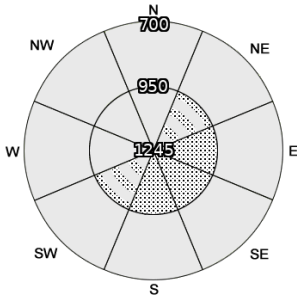


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 26/02/2011

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 26/02/2011 TO 18:00HRS Sun 27/02/2011



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

A dry night will be followed by occasional light snow showers during the morning. The winds will be moderate to strong, West then Northerly. The freezing level will fluctuate between 750 and 900 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack will remain well bonded and stable. Localised accumulations of windslab will develop on North-East through South to South-West aspects above 950 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 26/02/2011

Observed Weather Influences

There have been snow showers overnight on moderate South-West winds. During the day there were occasional light showers on North-West winds. The freezing level was at around 1000 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack has consolidated in the cooler temperatures, especially on wind exposed slopes where the surface is firm and re-frozen. Small localised accumulations of new windslab have developed on North through East to South aspects above 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Large patches above 750m.

Comments

Calm and spring like at lower altitudes, but still wintry at higher elevations.