Northern Cairngorms

Avalanche Hazard Forecast

Issued 18/02/2016

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 18/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Fri 19/02/2016

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

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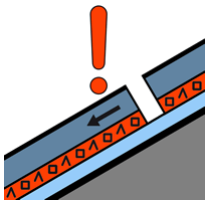
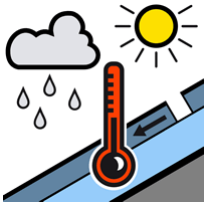
Avalanche Problems

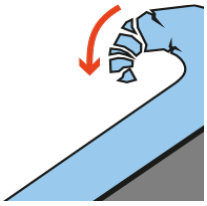
Wind Slab



Persistent Weak Layers



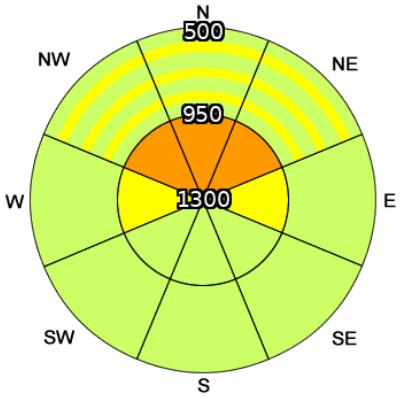
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

New deposits of unstable windslab will build on North-West to North-Easterly aspects above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. West and East aspects will be affected with localised windslab due to cross loading. Coire rims, gullies and scarp slopes will be especially affected. Below 800 metres snowpack stability will be mostly good but with some moderately stable deposits in steep sheltered places. Weak Cornices will develop over North slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable



High
Considerable
Moderate
Low

Forecast Weather Influences

A dry night is expected, Winds will be light to moderate strength South-Westerly overnight increasing to storm force Southerly in the morning. Snowfall is expected throughout the day. Freezing level 300 metres at first will rise rapidly to 1000 metres from midday.

Comments

Storm force winds and snowfall will present new avalanche hazards for coming days.

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