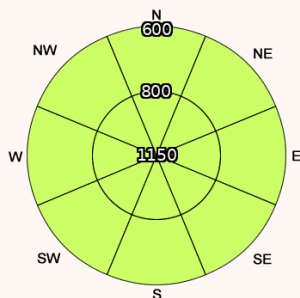


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 18/12/2017

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 18/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Tue 19/12/2017



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 freezing level will rise well above the summits but it will remain dry. Winds will be moderate from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow cover will continue to slowly thaw and soften at all levels. Minor surface instabilities may be possible on very steep slopes but otherwise overall stability will remain good. Greatest cover will mainly be found on East through South to South-West aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 18/12/2017

Observed Weather Influences

A dry bright day with the freezing level lifting above the summits. Moderate winds were from the North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack surface layers are starting to soften in the milder temperatures but otherwise overall stability remains good. Deepest accumulations of snow are to be found on East through South to South-West aspects above 800 metres with thinner cover elsewhere. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 800 metres. Icy paths and hillsides. Good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc

Comments

Thaw conditions continue.