Northern Cairngorms

Avalanche Hazard Forecast

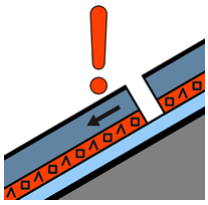
Issued 18/03/2018

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 18/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Mon 19/03/2018

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Monday 19/03/2018

Avalanche Problems



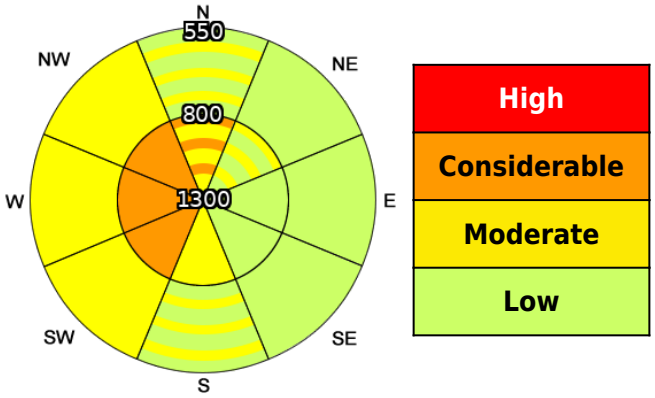
Persistent Weak Layers



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab will be present on steep, convex South-West through West to Northerly aspects mainly above 800 metres. Deepest accumulations will be in sheltered areas such as coire rims, gully tops, flanks and crag aprons. Localised windslab remaining on other aspects due to recent cross loading. Some instabilities on steep banks and confines below 800 metres. Cornices will be unstable. Elsewhere will be firm and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

Snow showers clearing overnight as high pressure builds leading to calmer conditions with sunshine mainly through the afternoon. Strong Easterly winds will ease moderate to light overnight and gradually back to the North. The 200 metre freezing level will rise to 500 metres through the day.

Comments

Weakness remains at depth on some W to N aspects above 1000m, this is bridged by firm icy layers which lie beneath recent storm slab. Wind exposed areas very hard and icy!

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