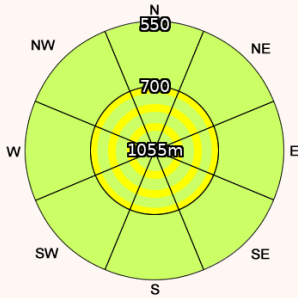


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 06/04/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 07/04/2018



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

It will remain mild as the freezing level hovers around 1200 metres throughout the period. Overnight rain will peter out through the morning, with sleet and possibly some snow on the highest summits. The strong to gale force South-Easterly wind will ease through the period, veering to become a moderate South-Westerly by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A slow thaw will affect the snowpack mostly inducing a steady consolidation, with some snow loss at lower levels, but maintaining minor instabilities in localised areas of windslab, on all aspects, in steep locations where it gains depth and extent, mainly above 700 metres. Cornices will be prone to collapse. The stable old snowpack will remain firm but with some surface softening. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 06/04/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Outbreaks of light rain throughout the day with some heavier bursts in the afternoon. Cloud mostly above the summits. A persistent strong and mild South-East wind and freezing level rising above the summits later.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a general softening of the snow surface and snow loss at low levels, but the stable old snowpack remains firm particularly at higher elevations in areas where it is exposed. Increased instabilities in deeper accumulations of windslab as the temperature rose through the day, on all aspects, mainly on steep slopes above 700 metres. Evidence of cornice collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, remaining good above 650 metres. Good visibility but with occasional summit cloud. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

A steady thawing of the snowpack at all levels during daytime is likely to continue. Glide cracks noted on Beinn Eighe.