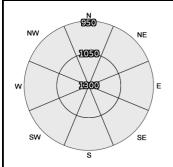
Northern Cairngorms - Issued 07/01/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 07/01/2019 TO 18:00HRS Tue 08/01/2019



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

Strong to gale force North-Westerly winds will ease a little through the day and veer towards the North. Light snowfall above 800 metres overnight, this is expected to clear during the early hours of the morning. The freezing level will gradually fall from 900 to 500 metres by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The sparse old snowpack will remain firm and stable. Greatest amounts are on North-West to Northerly aspects above 1000 metres. Pockets of windslab will develop in sheltered areas on North-East to South-East aspects above 900 metres. These will be generally shallow and avoidable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

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Observed Weather Influences

Strong to Gale force Westerly winds with light snow showers above 900 metres. The freezing level fell to 1000 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The sparse old snowpack is generally stable with greatest amounts on North-West to Northerly facing slopes above 1000 metres. A dusting of new snow has developed above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Isolated areas of firm snow on NW to N aspects, especially corrie back walls and shallow gullies. Clearer in the morning with poorer visibility in clouds and snow showers through the afternoon. Winds approx 75 mph and above, over the tops, gusting over 100mph, serious and challenging conditions

Comments

Snow amounts expected to be small during the forecast period.