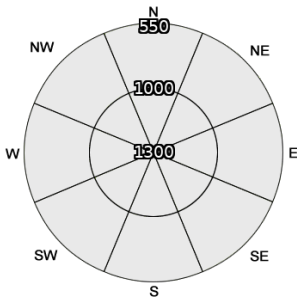


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 14/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 14/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sun 15/12/2019



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

Continuing to be cold with a freezing level of around 550 metres. Occasional light snow flurries overnight on light variable winds. During the day its expected to be dry with moderate West-South-Westerly winds increasing to strong at summit levels through the morning. The freezing level will be around 550 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The widespread breakable crust will persist and overlie the old snowpack. Localised accumulations of reasonably well bonded windslab will remain beneath the crust on steep North-East to Easterly aspects mainly above 1000 metres. Isolated and generally avoidable windslab accumulations will develop on North-East to Easterly aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 14/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A mainly dry day with very occasional very light snow showers on moderate to strong Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A widespread breakable crust overlies the snowpack. On steep North-East to Easterly aspects above 1000 metres localised accumulations of reasonably well bonded windslab remain beneath the crust. Recently developed isolated windslab accumulations are present in lee areas mostly above 1000 metres on Easterly to Southerly aspects. These are generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust at all levels, very tiring conditions. Good visibility with spells of summit cloud. Winds 30-40 mph over the summits , progress difficult and tiring.

Comments

Remaining cold.