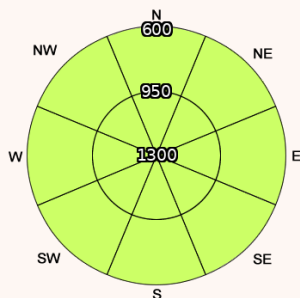


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 20/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 20/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 21/12/2019



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

A trace of new snow during the night on strong South-Westerly winds. Dry during the day with winds easing to moderate and backing to the South. The freezing level will fluctuate between 900 and 1000 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

As it turns cooler instabilities will diminish and the snowpack will become generally well bonded and stable. The old snowpack lies mostly on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. Isolated pockets of new windslab will develop on North to East aspects above 950 metres, these will be generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 20/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A dry mild day with strong Southerly winds easing to moderate through the afternoon. The freezing level dropped to just below the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is consolidating and stability is improving in most locations. Some instabilities persist within deeper accumulations mainly above 1100 metres on North-West to North-East aspects, with gully exits and corrie rims most affected. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

A soft wet snowpack. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells later in the afternoon. During the morning winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous, calmer through the afternoon.

Comments

Turning cooler