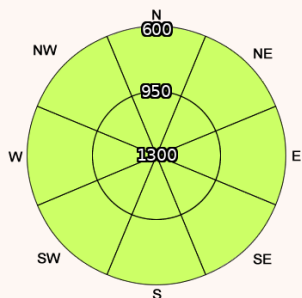


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 21/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 21/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sun 22/12/2019



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

It is expected to be dry throughout the forecast period with spells of sunshine during the day. Moderate South-Easterly winds will veer to the South-West. The freezing level will be around 900 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will remain firm well bonded and stable in all locations. Greatest amounts are on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 21/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A cold dry day with spells of sunshine. The freezing level was around 600 metres. Southerly winds were moderate to strong over the tops.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has refrozen and is generally firm well bonded and stable in all locations. Greatest amounts are on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Icy paths and hillsides. Cold clear conditions with some cloud capping the tops. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

A firm snowpack. Serious run-out potential on steep slopes.