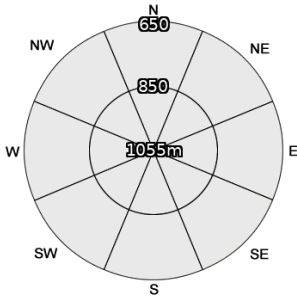


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 28/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sun 29/12/2019



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 will continue to be mild, wet and windy. Rain is expected to be heaviest overnight driven on a very strong South-West wind with summit gales throughout the period. Forecast summit temperatures of around +4 Celsius during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected. The snow cover will remain very sparse, wet and thawing at all levels and locations. The snowpack will be patchy above 850 metres, typically in strips along some high coire rims, ridge crests and in runnels and gullies. Many hills will be bare. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 28/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Continuing mild, wet and windy; periods of rain at all levels, some heavy and prolonged. Steady and very strong Southerly wind. Recorded temperature of 10 degrees Celsius in Glen Torridon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow cover is very sparse, wet and thawing at all levels and locations. There is very little or no snow on the more coastal mountains. Elsewhere, the snowpack is patchy above 850 metres, typically strips along high coire rims, ridge crests and in runnels. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Generally, no snow below 650m, sparse above. Cloud base fluctuated around summit level all day. Strong steady winds.

Comments

Snow is thawing fast under the current mild and wet conditions. Becoming very wet underfoot. Cooler on Monday, but remaining windy.