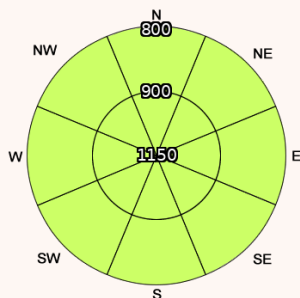


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 28/12/2019

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 be another mild day with the freezing level remaining well above the summits. Mainly dry with just a little drizzle forecast, however it will be foggy with very strong South-South-Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow patches will continue to thaw and diminish in the mild conditions but will remain stable and generally well bonded. Slightly deeper deposits will be found in wind sheltered locations, such as corrie rims and gully tops on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 28/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A mild, damp and very windy day with strong, generally Southerly winds. Plus 3 degrees centigrade at 950 metres at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining patchy snow continues to thaw at all levels but is stable and generally well bonded. Cover on plateau areas has stripped right back but some deeper deposits persist in wind sheltered locations on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, very patchy cover. Cloud base at 900m. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Forecasts starting to suggest cooler conditions on Monday.