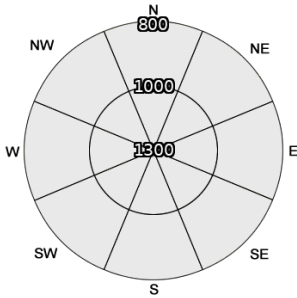


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 30/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 30/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Tue 31/12/2019



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. Strong West-North-Westerly winds will ease to moderate and back to the South-South-West through the day. The freezing level will be around 900 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The sparse stable snowpack will become firmer in the cooler temperatures. Greatest amounts are to be found around coire rims and back walls on Northerly to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 30/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Spells of rain and drizzle turned to sleet at 900 metres by late morning. Drier periods through the afternoon. The freezing level lowered to just below the summits by midday. West-North-Westerly winds were moderate to strong.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The limited snowpack remains well bonded and stable throughout. Greatest amounts are around coire rims and back walls on Northerly to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, greatest amounts N to E aspects above 900 metres, mostly bare ground elsewhere. Low cloud and mist through the morning, later cloudy on the tops with some bright spells through the afternoon.

Comments

Turning mild and unsettled again by mid week.