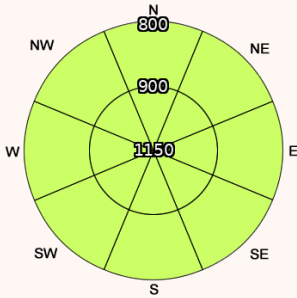


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 31/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 31/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Wed 01/01/2020



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 remain dry and generally cold. A high wind chill is likely in the strong South-South-Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is likely. Remaining snow will be very hard, icy and stable. Largest snow patches will be found on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 31/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A sunny but very cold day. Fresh to strong winds from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wherever the remaining snow cover was exposed to the strong sun it was softening, otherwise surface layers were hard and very icy. Snow cover is very patchy and generally restricted to North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Limited snow but icy paths and hillsides. Good visibility. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Due to inversion conditions over the area, some uncertainty about the freezing level and strength of winds during Wednesday.