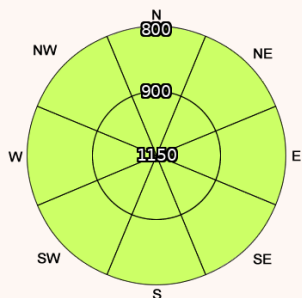


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 01/01/2020

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 01/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 02/01/2020



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

After a dry night there will be some rain from mid-morning. This will fall as sleet on the very highest summits only. This precipitation will be accompanied by gale force South-South-Westerly winds. The freezing level will be at approximately 1500 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining patchy snow will be well bonded and stable throughout. Largest areas will be found in wind sheltered locations on mainly North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 01/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry day with strong South-Westerly winds. Freezing level around 1100 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining patchy snow is firm and icy. Stable, well bonded conditions throughout. Plateau areas are clear of snow with some accumulations present around corrie rims and in burn lines on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Very little snow; greatest amounts in high N to E facing corries. Cold, clear conditions. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Thursday is unlikely to be a very pleasant hill day with some precipitation and very strong winds.