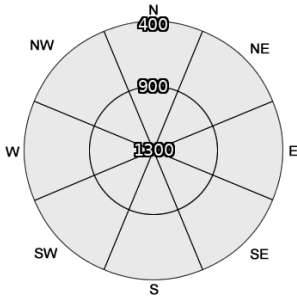


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 09/01/2020

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 09/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 10/01/2020



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 is expected to be dry throughout the forecast period. Light Westerly backing South-South-Westerly winds will increasing strong the gale force through the day. Staying generally cool with freezing levels rising to above the summits during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack which lies mostly on North to East aspects above 950 metres will be firm and stable. Shallow deposits of moderately bonded windslab will be present on Northerly to Easterly aspects mostly above 1100 metres. Wind sheltered coire rims, ridge crests and gully exits being most affected; however these areas will generally be isolated and avoidable. Elsewhere wind exposed slopes will become mostly clear of snow. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 09/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry cold day with spells of hazy sunshine through the afternoon. Freezing at glen level during the morning, rising to around 600 metres by midday. Winds were light and Northerly in direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack which lies mostly on North to East aspects above 950 metres is firm, icy and stable. Isolated and avoidable shallow deposits of moderate to weakly bonded windslab are present mostly above 1100 metres on North-East to Easterly aspects. Wind sheltered coire rims, ridge crests and gully exits are most affected. Elsewhere a thin cover of snow lies on bare ground. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Patches of firm snow - ice on N to E aspects above 950m. Good visibility. Winds approx 10mph or less.

Comments

Generally turning milder through Friday evening and Saturday before turning cooler again by Saturday night.