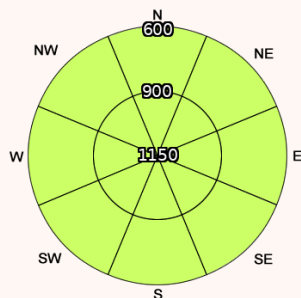


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 27/01/2020

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 27/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 28/01/2020



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

Remaining cold throughout this period. Overnight, there will be some light snowfall. Winds will be variable, easing overnight from the South before strengthening again from the West, generally West-South-West in the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Isolated areas of shallow unstable windslab will be found in wind sheltered locations on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Corrie rims, gully exits and steep, scarp slopes will be particularly affected although deposits will generally be avoidable. Exposed older snow-ice will be very firm. Elsewhere there will be a dusting of snow. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 27/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold, around -4 degrees at 900 metres with light snow showers to low levels throughout the day. Winds were strong from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Pockets of windslab are starting to develop but accumulations are limited in both depth and distribution. Greatest amounts are to be found around wind sheltered corrie rims, scarp slopes and gully exits on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Although unstable, especially where they have developed over older snow-ice new deposits are shallow and avoidable. Elsewhere there is a dusting of snow. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Icy paths and hillsides. Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult at times.

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