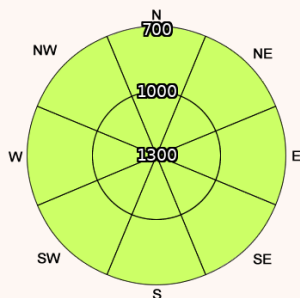


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 04/02/2020

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 04/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 05/02/2020



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

Moderate strength Westerly winds will increase slightly during the day backing West-South-Westerly for the rest of the forecast period. No precipitation is expected. Summit temperatures will be - 3.5 degrees celsius overnight and around minus 1.5 degrees throughout the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected. The recent snow accumulations will continue to consolidate and will remain stable, these mostly overlie the old firm snowpack. Greatest snow amounts lie on North to Easterly aspects above 1000 metres. Many areas remain bare and wind scoured. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 04/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A day of moderate strength North-Westerly winds. A dry day with a freezing level around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A thin snow cover of snow lies on all aspects above 600m and predominantly lies on bare ground. Deeper windslab accumulations of the recent snow lie mainly on North through East to South-East aspects and overlie the old firm snowpack. Fluctuating temperatures have consolidated and stabilised the snowpack throughout and an icy crust covers most of the landscape above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wind scoured and bare on many aspects with an icy crust. Poor visibility in the morning in clouds, clearer in the afternoon. Winds 20 -30 mph at times with stronger gusts at summit levels.

Comments

Freezing level lowering late Thursday before getting colder again on Friday.