Northern Cairngorms

Avalanche Hazard Forecast

Issued 25/02/2020

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 25/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 26/02/2020

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Wednesday 26/02/2020

Avalanche Problems



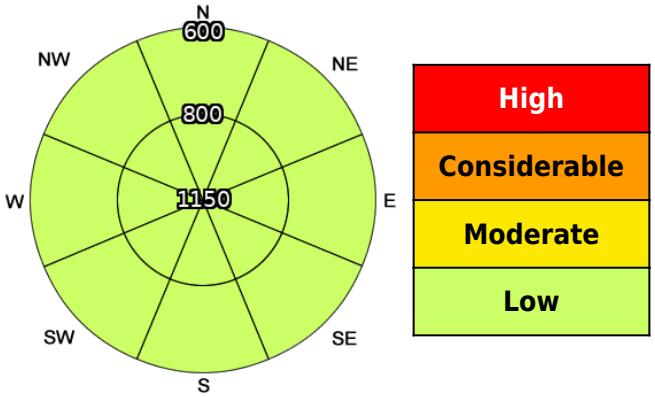
Wind Slab



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

During the day, new weakly bonded windslab will rapidly develop due to redistributed snow, onto mostly NE to E aspects above 950 metres. With some cross loading onto North and Southerly aspects, with gully exits, coire rims and headwalls most affected. Elsewhere the old snowpack will be generally stable in most places below this level, but with localised instabilities persisting in the steepest locations on NW through N to E aspects above 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

A cold day is expected with summit temperatures of around -8 degrees centigrade by the end of the afternoon. Winds overnight will be light North-Westerly backing strong West-North-West to West-South-Westerly during the day. It will be mainly dry with the odd snow shower early morning and mid afternoon, but there will be significant drifting.

Comments

Be aware of weakly bonded windslab developing on Wednesday due to new slab lying on top of the unconsolidated snow cover.

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