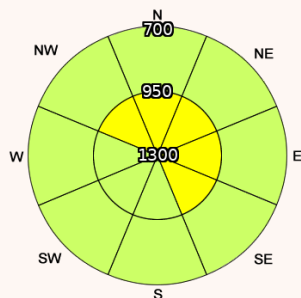


Northern Cairngorms - Issued 04/03/2020

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 04/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 05/03/2020



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

Dry throughout the forecast period with spells of sunshine mainly during the morning. Winds will be light to moderate South-Westerly. The freezing level will be around 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change within the snowpack stability. Instabilities will persist on steep and convex Northerly to Easterly aspects mainly above 950 metres. Areas most affected will be around shaded coire rims, scarp slopes, crag aprons and gully exits. Unstable cornices overhang these areas. Steep sun exposed slopes could be affected by surface instabilities. Elsewhere stability will be mostly good. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 04/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry sunny day with light Westerly winds. The freezing level rose to around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Soft accumulations of moderate to poorly bonded windslab are present on North to East aspects mainly above 950 metres. Areas most affected are in steep and convex shaded terrain around coire rims, gully exits and crag aprons. Isolated areas of instability persist on steep North-West and South-East aspects. Large unstable cornices overhang these areas. Elsewhere the snowpack is consolidating and stability is mostly good. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

A widespread breakable crust, firmer in some areas. Mostly sunny with good visibility, patchy cloud over some tops. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh and cooling at higher levels.

Comments

Looking generally settled up until Saturday, when gales are expected to return.