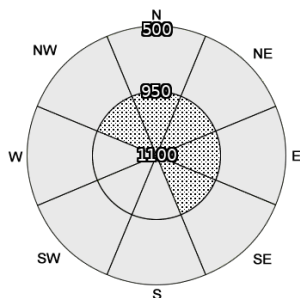


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 05/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 06/03/2020



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

Generally dry though some very late light snow showers are possible. Very light SE winds becoming light to moderate SW during the morning. Remaining cold.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Consolidating trend will continue in snow in most locations. However, full depth glide cracks will continue to widen on selected E to SE aspects below 800m. Some residual but persistent instability will remain on very steep N to E aspects above 950m. Most affected areas will be steep gullies exits and the top of coire headwalls. Large suspect cornices will overhang most of these steeper locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 05/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cool temperatures throughout. Some early light snow showers on light to moderate WSW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Improved general stability in most locations below 900m. However, glide cracks have opened on a steep E aspect of Sron a Ghoire at 800m and a full depth avalanche released today on an ESE aspect of Beinn Sgiath at 800m above Glen Markie. Less well stabilised older windslab is diminishing and now confined to very steep N to E facing gullies and the tops of coire headwalls. Large cornices overhang most of these locations. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover at most levels - some exposed ridges scoured. Cloud base was at 900 metres all day. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling

Comments

Good snow cover, more or less complete above 550m. Worldwide stats show that most avalanches involving people occur during Moderate hazard conditions. Avalanche eyeballs still need to be alert and fully utilised in present snowpack conditions.