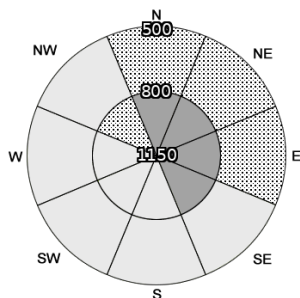


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 11/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 12/03/2020



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

Cold conditions will see freezing levels of around 350 metres overnight rising to 700 metres by the end of Thursday. New snow is forecast to affect the area throughout the period. Winds will be generally fresh to strong South-Westerly veering to the North-West later in the day. N.B. some uncertainty exists over frequency and intensity of the new snow.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow and South-Westerly winds will form areas of potentially deep unstable windslab in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a North through East to South-Easterly aspect mainly above 800 metres, fresh cornices will be prone to collapse. The older snowpack will be firm and icy particularly in exposed locations. Avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 11/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers heavy at times are affecting slopes mainly above 500 metres. Winds have been fresh to strong from a South-Westerly direction. The freezing level is around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Colder conditions are re-freezing the older snowpack rendering it firm and icy in exposed locations. New snow which is now affecting the area and wind transport are forming unstable areas of windslab in sheltered gullies and on North through East to South-Easterly aspects mainly above 900 metres. Cornices are unstable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 800 metres, Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and snow afternoon. Winds 20 -30 mph.

Comments

N.B. some uncertainty exists over frequency and intensity of the new snow. At present the Met Office are giving Glen Coe area a greater amount of new snow than the other Avalanche forecast areas. Please adjust your plans accordingly, stay safe.