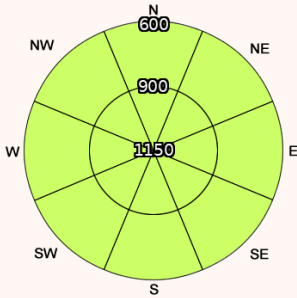


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 14/12/2021

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 14/12/2021 TO 18:00HRS Wed 15/12/2021



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

Continuing mild with light rain at all levels overnight but becoming drier midmorning onwards. Strong South-Westerly winds veering and easing to the West-North-West during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow cover will continue to thaw at all levels. Stability of the soft snow will be generally good but wet snow surface instabilities will be possible on steep terrain above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 14/12/2021

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level slowly lifted, it was 0 degrees celsius at 900 metres by 11am. Occasional rain at times. The strong winds were mostly South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow cover is thawing but currently remains firm and well consolidated from 800 metres onwards. Greatest amounts are in North to East facing corries above 900 metres with patchy snow cover on most aspects from 600 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 900 metres. Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

The thaw continues. Cairngorms is forecast less rain than other areas.