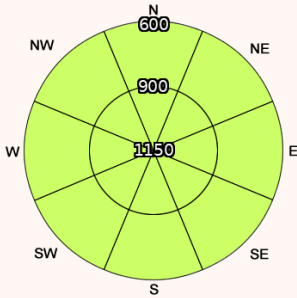


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 20/01/2022

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 20/01/2022 TO 18:00HRS Fri 21/01/2022



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

A dry day with the freezing levels lifting to above the summits. Winds will be strong, mostly North-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Some softening of the patchy snow cover is likely later in the day otherwise the snow will remain firm and well bonded. Greatest amounts will mostly be found in high North to East carries. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 20/01/2022

Observed Weather Influences

A very light dusting of snow above 900 metres overnight but dry thereafter. The winds were strong from the North-North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older patchy snow is very firm, well bonded and stable. Any new snow was cosmetic and inconsequential. Very little snow remains below 800 metres with larger areas present above 900 metres in the steep North and East facing carries of the highest mountains. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Firm snow - ice on some aspects. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Remaining snow-ice is very firm with short run outs. Slips and trips likely to have serious consequences.