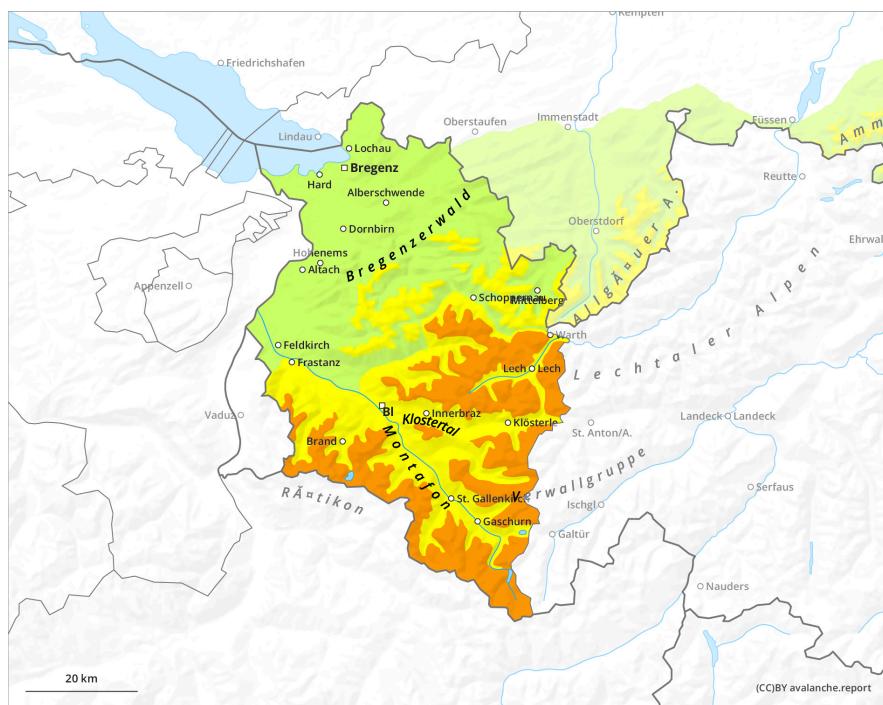


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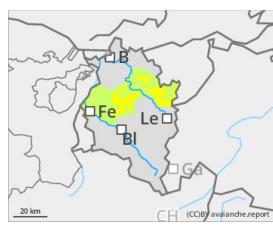
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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger
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Moderate avalanche danger at higher altitudes

Older drifts from last week and unfavorably structured intermediate layers inside the snowpack are still prone to triggering in places at high altitudes. Winter sports enthusiasts can trigger small, in isolated cases medium-sized avalanches in wind-loaded zones, particularly on steep W-N-E facing slopes and in transitions from shallow to deep snow, for example at the entry into gullies and bowls.

Snowpack

The most recent fresh snow and drifts were able to settle further as a result of higher temperatures. Bonding to the often faceted, expansively metamorphosed old snowpack surface and to unfavorably structured layers inside the snowpack is often only moderate. Due to higher temperatures the snow at low and intermediate altitudes is moist and the snowpack surface melt-freeze encrusted in early morning. At low altitudes there is little snow on the ground.

Weather

Sunny weather in the mountains, often cloudless skies. Temperature at 2000m: 0 degrees; at 3000m: -6 degrees. Light winds from varying directions at high altitudes, later in the day shifting to southwesterly.

Tendency

Avalanche danger will recede only gradually due to weakly structured snowpack.