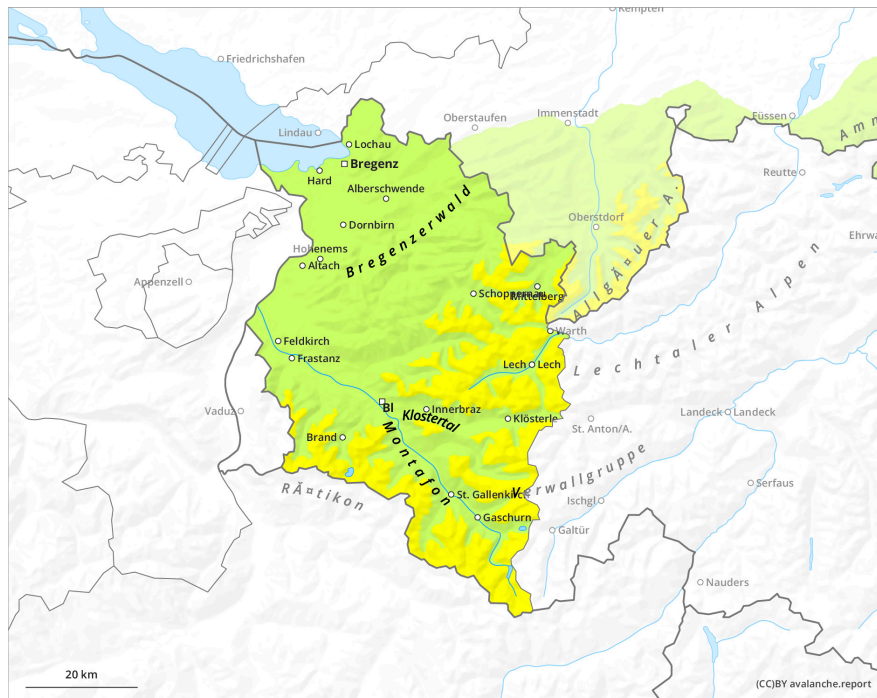
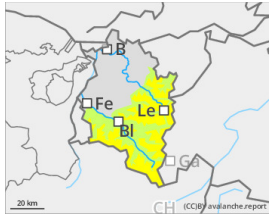


## Caution: small snowdrifts esp. at high altitudes



## Danger Level 2 - Moderate



**Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger**  
on Wednesday 7 January 2026



Wind slab



### Small snowdrift accumulations triggerable in places

Avalanche danger above 2200 is moderate, below that altitude, low. From place to place, slab avalanches can be triggered in the snowdrifts by minimum additional loading and, in isolated cases, grow to medium size. Danger zones are located mostly near ridgelines on shady W-N-E facing slopes and in wind-loaded gullies and bowls. Frequency and spread of avalanche prone locations increase with ascending altitude. In addition, in high alpine regions avalanches can be triggered in isolated cases in the weak snow on very steep shady slopes. Apart from the risks of being buried in snow masses, the danger of being swept along and forced to take a fall in outlying terrain also require defensive conduct.

### Snowpack

With ascending altitude, small snowdrift accumulations have been deposited primarily on shady slopes on top of an unfavorable old snowpack surface. They are often expansively metamorphosed, at low and intermediate altitudes they are melt-freeze encrusted. On shady slopes in high alpine regions, isolated weak layers occur inside the old snowpack. Snow depths at all altitudes continue to be significantly below-average. Only limited information is currently available from backcountry to the Avalanche Warning Services.

### Weather

To start with, sunshine everywhere is unimpeded. In the afternoon hours, dense cloudbanks will move in from the north. At 2000m: -16 to -13 degrees; at 3000m: -19 degrees. Light to moderate westerly-to-northwesterly winds at high altitudes.

### Tendency

Avalanche danger will decrease gradually