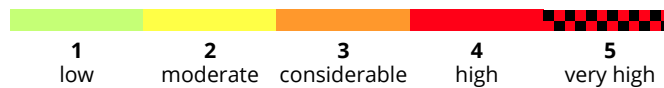
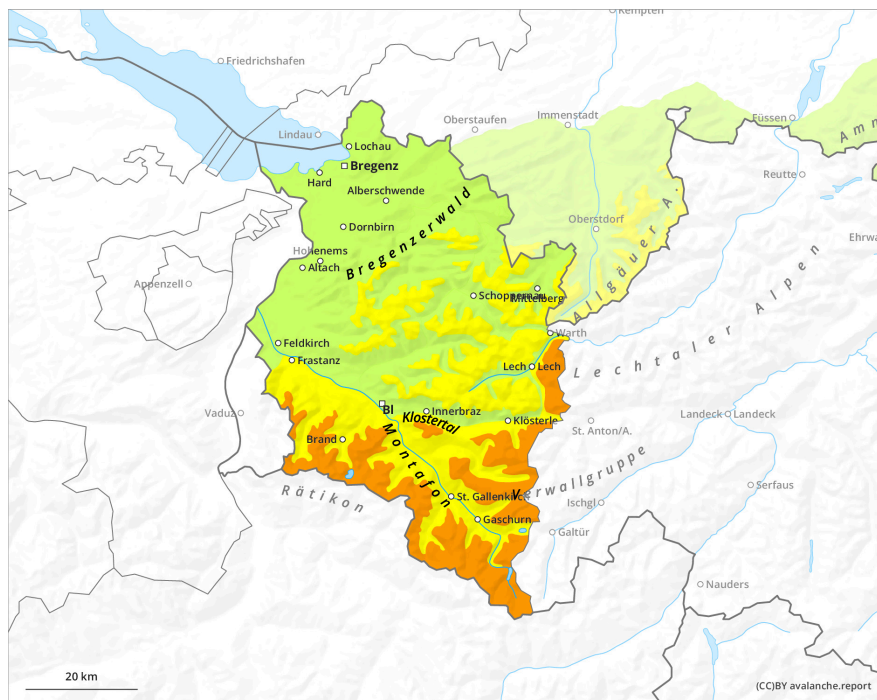
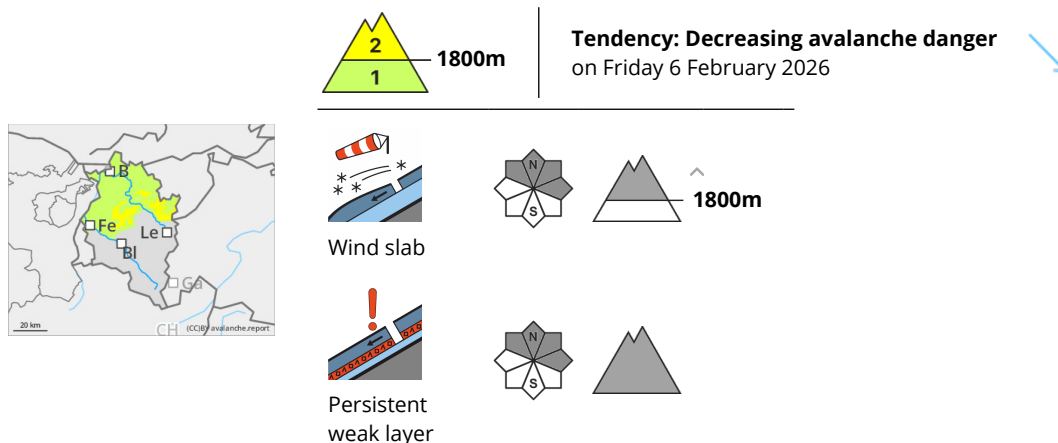


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Considerable avalanche danger at high altitudes. Weak old snow layers blanketed by drifts.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Circumvent fresh snowdrift accumulations!

A single winter sports enthusiast can trigger small slab avalanches in some places, particularly in ridgeline terrain and in wind-loaded gullies and bowls. If releases then sweep away deeper weak layers of the snowpack, the avalanche can in isolated cases grow to medium size. Danger zones are impossible to spot. Whumpf noises and fractures forming on the surface are alarm signals.

Snowpack

Recent storm-strength winds generated trigger-sensitive snowdrift accumulations which have been able to settle somewhat due to higher temperatures. They lie deposited atop loose snow or surface hoar in many places, or else atop a melt-freeze encrusted old snowpack surface. Particularly on steep shady slopes, the unfavorable snow base and intermediate layers of the snowpack have often persisted.

Weather

Following a heavily clouded night with hardly any precipitation, increasingly sunny mountain/skiing weather is forecast. Temperature at 2000m: -1 degree; at 3000m: -7 degrees. Light winds at high altitudes, increasingly from the south.

Tendency

The likelihood of fresh drifts triggering will decrease only gradually. Unfavorable snow base and intermediate layers will persist.