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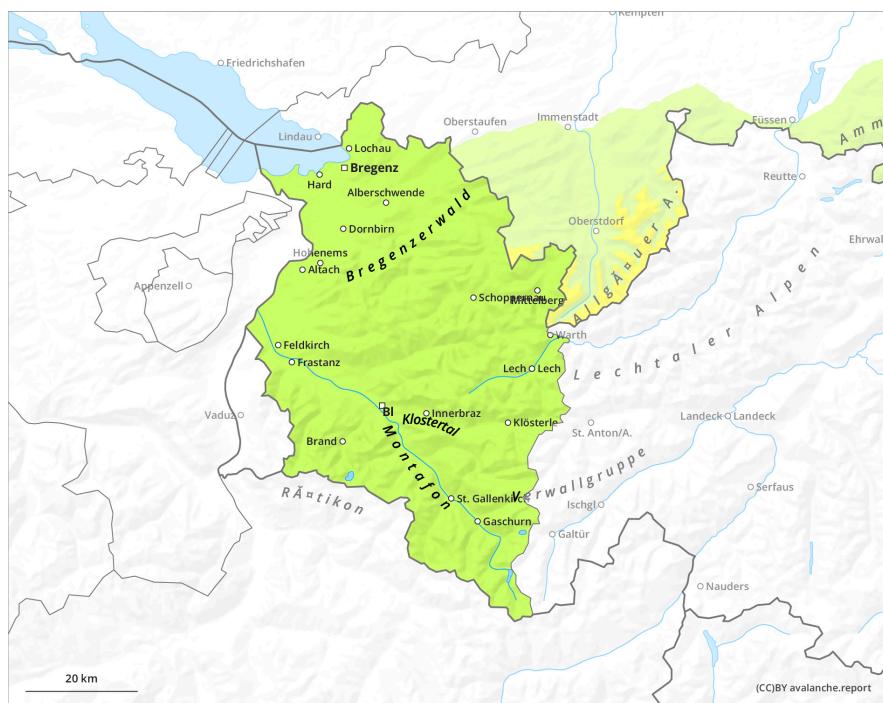


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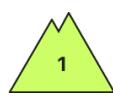
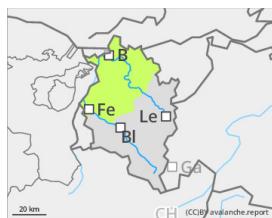


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Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Thursday 8 January 2026



Caution: small-sized snowdrift accumulations

Avalanche danger is low. Local snowdrift accumulations can be triggered in places as small-sized slab avalanches. Danger zones occur especially near ridgelines in wind-loaded gullies and bowls as well as in extremely steep terrain. Apart from the risks of being buried in snow masses, the danger of being swept along and forced to take a fall requires caution.

Snowpack

On shady slopes, older small-sized snowdrift accumulations often lie deposited on top of an unfavorable old snowpack surface. The shallow snowpack is often expansively metamorphosed, at low and intermediate altitudes they are melt-freeze encrusted. 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

Lots of sunshine and once again, icy temperatures in the mountains. At 2000m: -17 to -13 degrees; at 3000m: -18 degrees. Light high-altitude winds from varying directions.

Tendency

As a result of fresh snowfall and strong-velocity winds, avalanche danger will increase significantly on Thursday and over the following days.