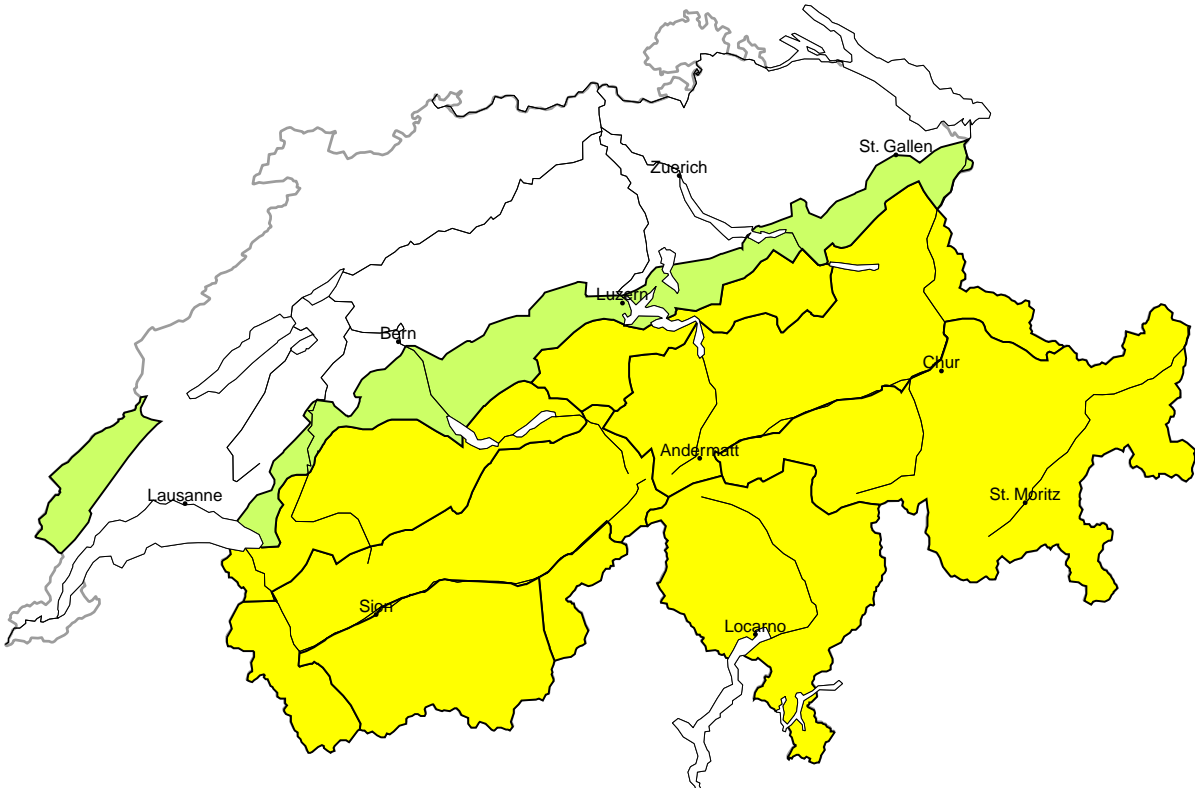
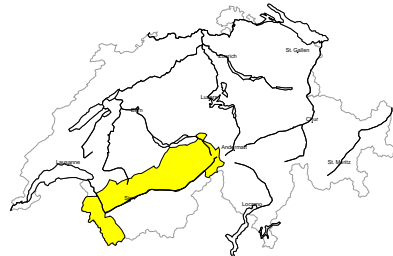


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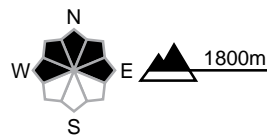
region A

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a moderate to strong southerly foehn wind, wind slabs will form. They are mostly shallow and can be released easily. Avalanches can additionally be released in deeper layers also. They can reach medium size. Such avalanche prone locations are rare but are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. They are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

In particular on steep sunny slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. These can reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

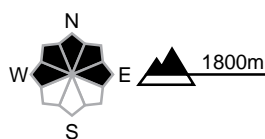
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Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



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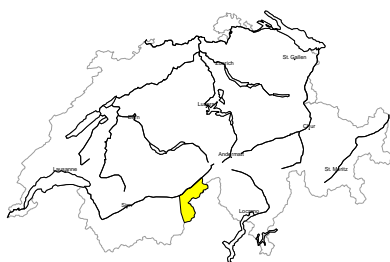
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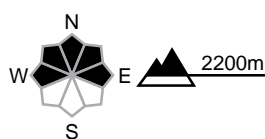
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Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach quite a large size. Such avalanche prone locations are rare but are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain, especially on very steep north facing slopes. As a consequence of a moderate to strong southerly foehn wind, wind slabs will form. They are mostly shallow and can be released easily. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

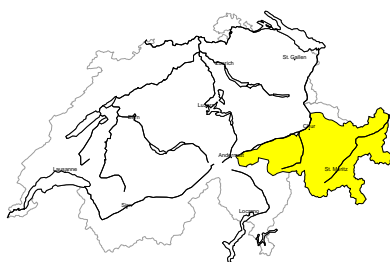
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Gliding snow

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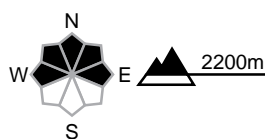
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Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

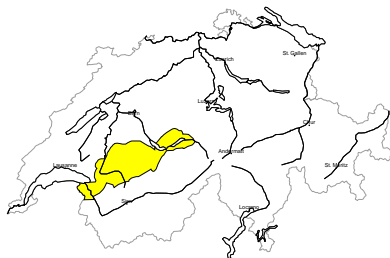
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As a consequence of a moderate to strong southerly foehn wind, wind slabs will form. They are mostly shallow and can be released easily.

Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region E

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail. Avalanches can in some places be released in near-surface layers by people. They can reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are rare but are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.

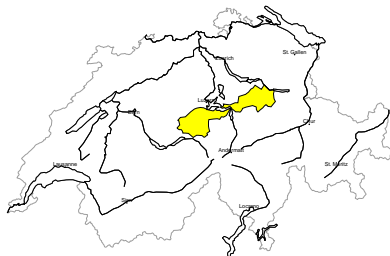
Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

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region F

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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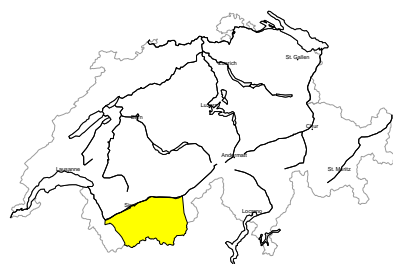
Low (1)

Gliding snow

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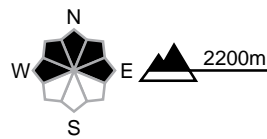
region G

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.
As a consequence of southerly wind, wind slabs will form. These are mostly small but can be released easily. They are to be avoided in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

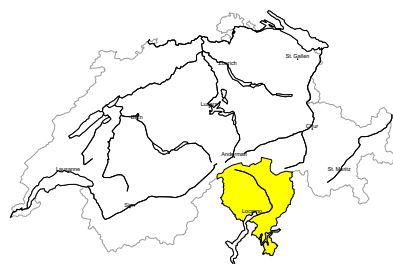
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Gliding snow

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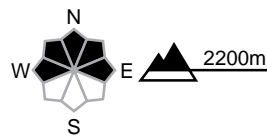
region H

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

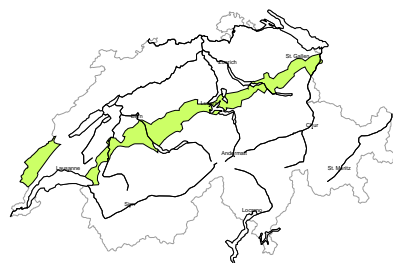


Danger description

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As a consequence of southerly wind, wind slabs will form. These are mostly small but can be released easily. They are to be avoided in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

region I

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

On north-facing slopes, the surface of the snowpack is often faceted and loose. The moderate to strong foehn wind in the north will transport this loose snow. Rather small, hard, but easily triggered snowdrift accumulations are developing. Otherwise, avalanches may still be triggered in places in the west and north in older, near-surface layers of the snowpack. In southern Valais, Grisons and Ticino, there are weak layers in the lower part of the snowpack. In these regions, avalanches may be triggered in places in the fresh and somewhat older drifted snow, and in some cases may also sweep away deeper layers of the snowpack. Isolated avalanches may also be triggered directly in deep layers, especially in the Engadine and south of there.

Gliding avalanches, some large, are still possible.

Weather review for Friday

It was mostly sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +6 °C in the north and +2 °C in the south.

Wind

There will be southwesterly winds

- Mostly light during the night and in the early morning
- Moderate in the afternoon in the north and locally strong in the regions exposed to the foehn wind

Weather forecast to Saturday

In the late morning it will be partly sunny in the north and increasingly cloudy from the west in the afternoon. Cloud cover will be very heavy in the south.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

Falling, at midday at 2000 m between +2 °C in the north and -1 °C in the south.

Wind

- Moderate to strong southwesterly wind until Saturday morning, then decreasing.
- Sometimes strong foehn wind in the valleys of the north.

Outlook

During the night to Sunday, a little snow will fall in the far west above 1700 m. On Sunday it will remain mostly cloudy on the northern flank of the Alps with some final precipitation. It will be quite sunny in the afternoon in Valais, Ticino and Grisons. There will be light winds. On Monday it will be mostly cloudy with bright spells mainly in the south and east. There will be a light to moderate southwesterly wind. The zero-degree level will be around 2000 m.

The risk of dry avalanches will decrease. Occasional gliding avalanches are still possible.