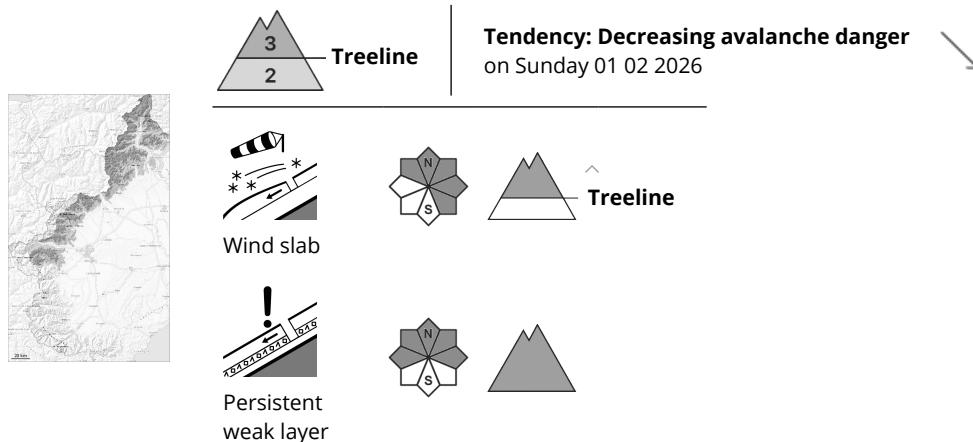


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



At elevated altitudes a considerable avalanche danger will prevail. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow require caution.

In particular on steep slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large slab avalanches are possible as a consequence of the moderate wind.

The avalanche-prone wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases.

In particular on very steep shady slopes the avalanches can be released in deep layers of the snowpack and reach large size.

The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

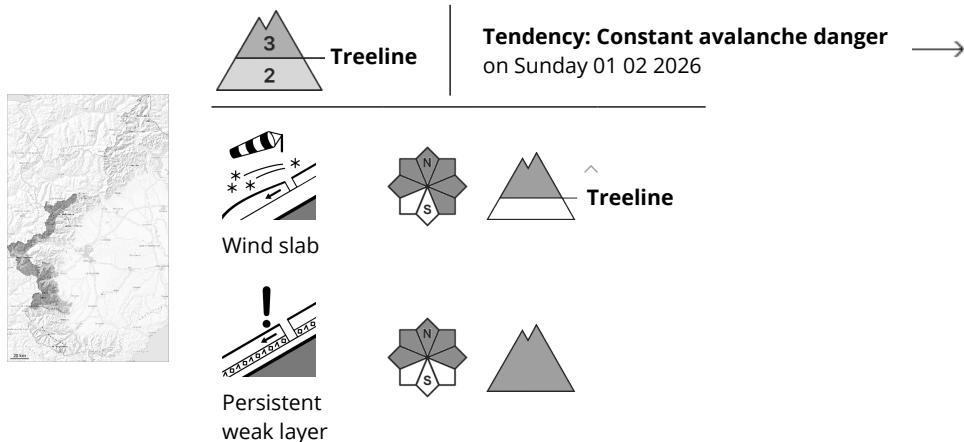
dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

10 to 20 cm of snow, and up to 30 cm in some localities, fell on Wednesday in all altitude zones. The moderate wind has transported the new snow. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack on steep shady slopes. The fresh wind slabs are lying on unfavourable layers.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



At elevated altitudes a considerable avalanche danger will prevail. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow require caution.

As a consequence of snowfall and the moderate to strong wind, fresh snow drift accumulations formed. These can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size. This applies in particular on steep slopes also above the tree line, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain at intermediate and high altitudes.

Avalanches can be released in deeper layers in particular on steep shady slopes.

The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication of a weakly bonded snowpack. Careful route selection and spacing between individuals are recommended.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

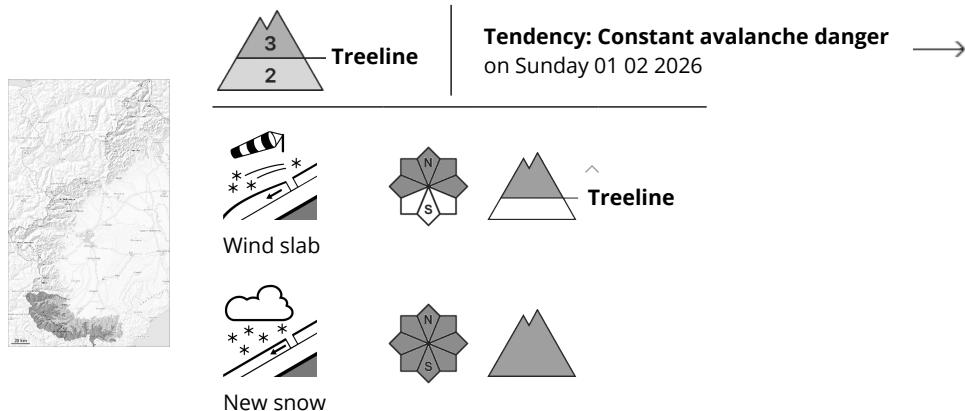
10 to 25 cm of snow fell on Wednesday above approximately 1500 m. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong wind from southerly directions, precarious wind slabs formed. The new snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on wind-protected shady slopes.

Intermediate and high altitudes: Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack in particular on very steep shady slopes.

Especially steep sunny slopes: As a consequence of rising temperatures and solar radiation a crust formed on the surface on Thursday.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Caution: poor visibility. The fresh snow and the wind slabs represent the main danger.

As a consequence of heavy snowfall and the moderate to strong southwesterly wind, fresh snow drift accumulations formed. These can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size. This applies in particular on steep west, north and east facing slopes in particular above the tree line, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

Shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack and natural avalanches are a clear indication of a weakly bonded snowpack.

Little snow will fall in some localities. The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

40 to 50 cm of snow fell on Wednesday above approximately 1400 m. The wind has transported some snow. As a consequence of heavy snowfall and the moderate to strong southwesterly wind, snow drift accumulations formed.

The snowpack is soft; its surface consists of loosely bonded snow. This applies in shady places that are protected from the wind also at low and intermediate altitudes.

Especially steep sunny slopes: As a consequence of rising temperatures and solar radiation a crust formed on the surface on Thursday.

