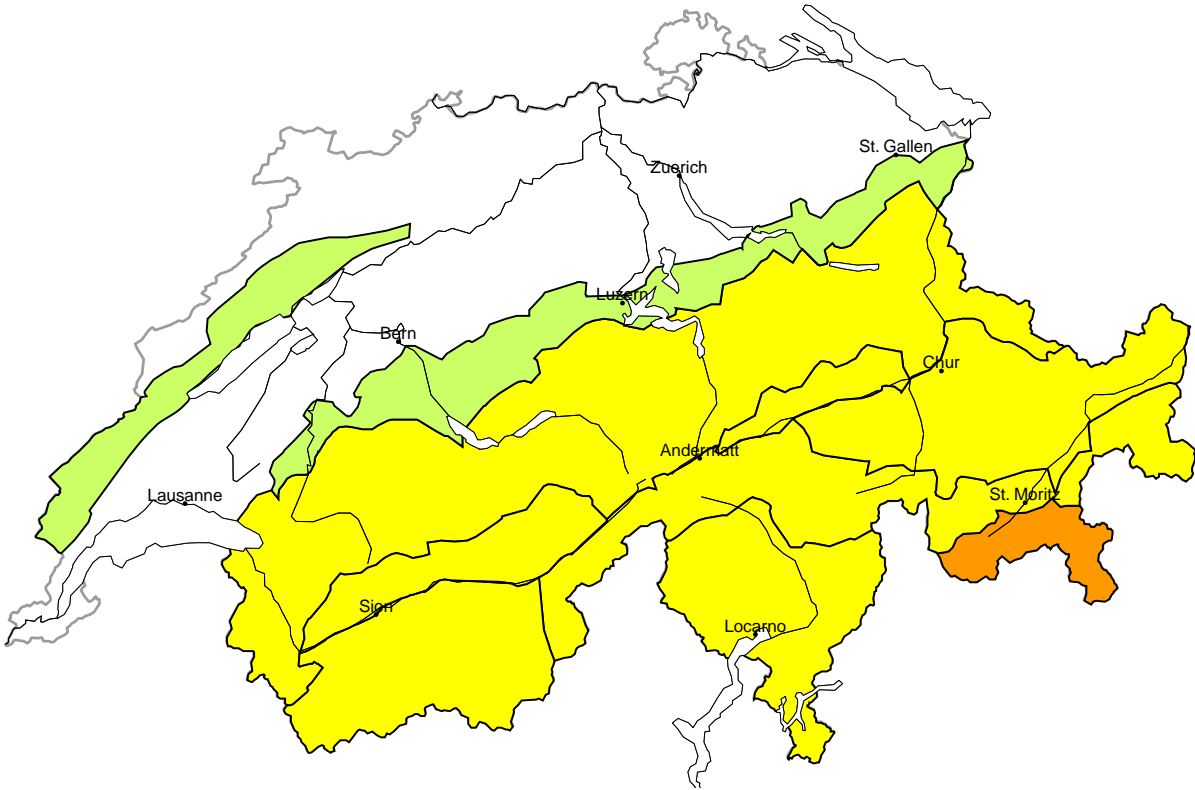


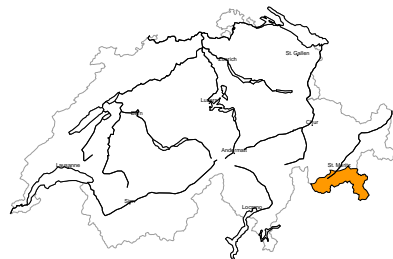
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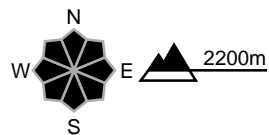
region A

Considerable (3-)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh snow of the weekend and the wind slabs formed during the snowfall are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Avalanches can penetrate even deep layers and reach a dangerous size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

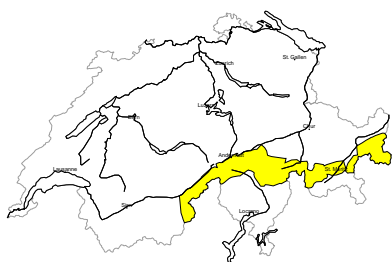
Low (1)

Gliding snow

In particular on very steep south facing slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

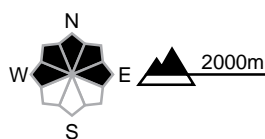
region B

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong southerly wind, wind slabs formed in the last two days also in areas not adjacent to ridgelines. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

Additionally in some places avalanches can also be released in near-ground layers and reach dangerously large size. Caution is to be exercised in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow in little used backcountry terrain.

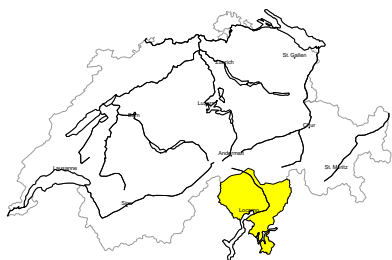
Low (1)

Gliding snow

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region C

Moderate (2+)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh snow and the mostly small wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Persons can release avalanches in some places. Avalanches can penetrate even deep layers and reach a dangerous size. Backcountry touring and snowshoe hiking call for meticulous route selection.

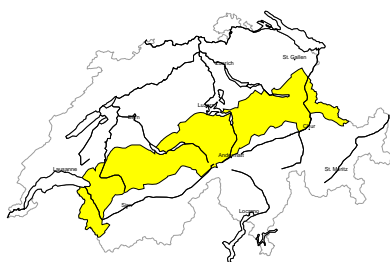
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Gliding snow

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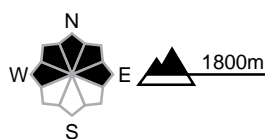
region D

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, clearly visible wind slabs formed on Saturday also in areas not adjacent to ridgelines. These are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. They can in some cases be released by people. Avalanches can reach medium size. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

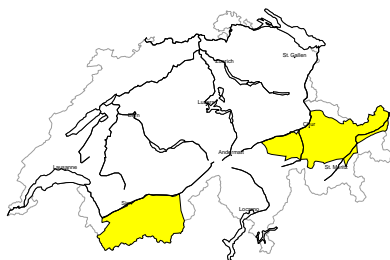
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Gliding snow

In particular on very steep south facing slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

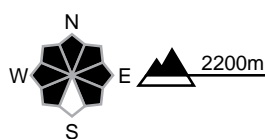
region E

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, wind slabs formed on Saturday. These can in some cases be released by people. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can also be released in near-ground layers and reach dangerously large size. Caution is to be exercised in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow in little used backcountry terrain. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for meticulous route selection.

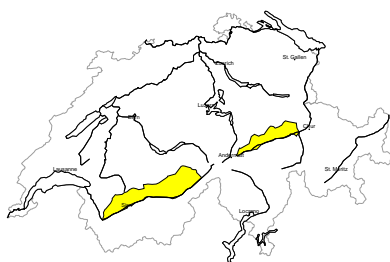
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Gliding snow

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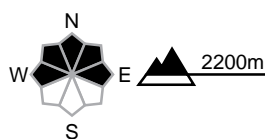
region F

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southeasterly wind, clearly visible wind slabs formed on Saturday also in areas not adjacent to ridgelines. These are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. They can in some cases be released by people. Avalanches can reach medium size. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

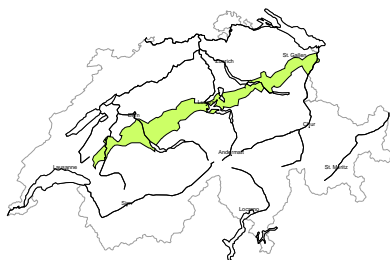
Low (1)

Gliding snow

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region G

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain at elevated altitudes. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

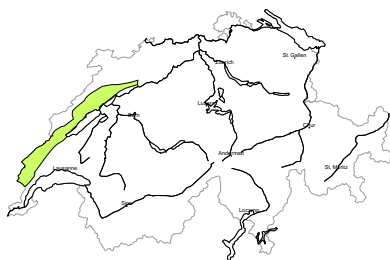
Low (1)

Gliding snow

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region H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

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Avalanche bulletin through Monday, 10. February 2025**Snowpack and weather**

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Snowpack

In the north, Saturday's foehn wind caused the transportation of loose old snow, especially on shady slopes. The resulting snowdrift accumulations are often hard and in some places are lying on a rather unfavourable old snow surface of faceted crystals. In the south, the fresh snowfall was accompanied by relatively little wind.

In the last few days, only a few avalanches were triggered deep in the old snowpack. Nevertheless, caution is necessary south of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine because there are still weak layers in the lower part of the snowpack. These are most pronounced on shady slopes protected from the wind in Ticino, central Grisons, the Engadine and the southern valleys of Grisons. If an avalanche is triggered there, it can sweep the entire snowpack away with it and become dangerously large.

Only a few gliding avalanches have been reported in the last few days. However, some of these were large.

Weather review for Sunday

Conditions were quite sunny in the west, otherwise mostly cloudy with bright spells in the east and precipitation in the south. The snowfall level rose to around 1200 m.

Fresh snow

Precipitation began on Saturday morning and continued into Sunday afternoon, with the following amounts falling:

- Simplon area, southern Goms, Ticino, Moesano, Val Bregaglia, Bernina area and Val Poschiavo: 15 to 30 cm
- rest of the main Alpine ridge from Monte Rosa to the Engadine, rest of the Upper Engadine: 5 to 15 cm
- elsewhere: mostly dry

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -2 °C

Wind

- Still an occasionally strong foehn wind in the north on Saturday evening
- Otherwise moderate, mostly light southerly wind in the south

Weather forecast to Monday

Conditions will be cloudy with bright spells primarily in southern Valais, on the eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps and in Grisons. In the Jura, a little snow will fall above approximately 1300 m.

Fresh snow

About 5 cm on the highest Jura peaks

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between 0 °C in the north and -3 °C in the south

Wind

- Moderate to strong southwesterly on the western part of the northern flank of the Alps at high altitudes
- Elsewhere mostly light

Outlook

On Tuesday the east will see some bright spells, but otherwise conditions will be very cloudy. On Wednesday, it will be cloudy with relatively long bright spells in the north and inneralpine regions and very cloudy in the south. On both days, a little precipitation may fall locally, with this taking the form of snow above approximately 1500 m. The southwesterly winds will be mostly light.

Avalanche danger will decrease, but only slowly south of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine due to the weak snowpack structure.