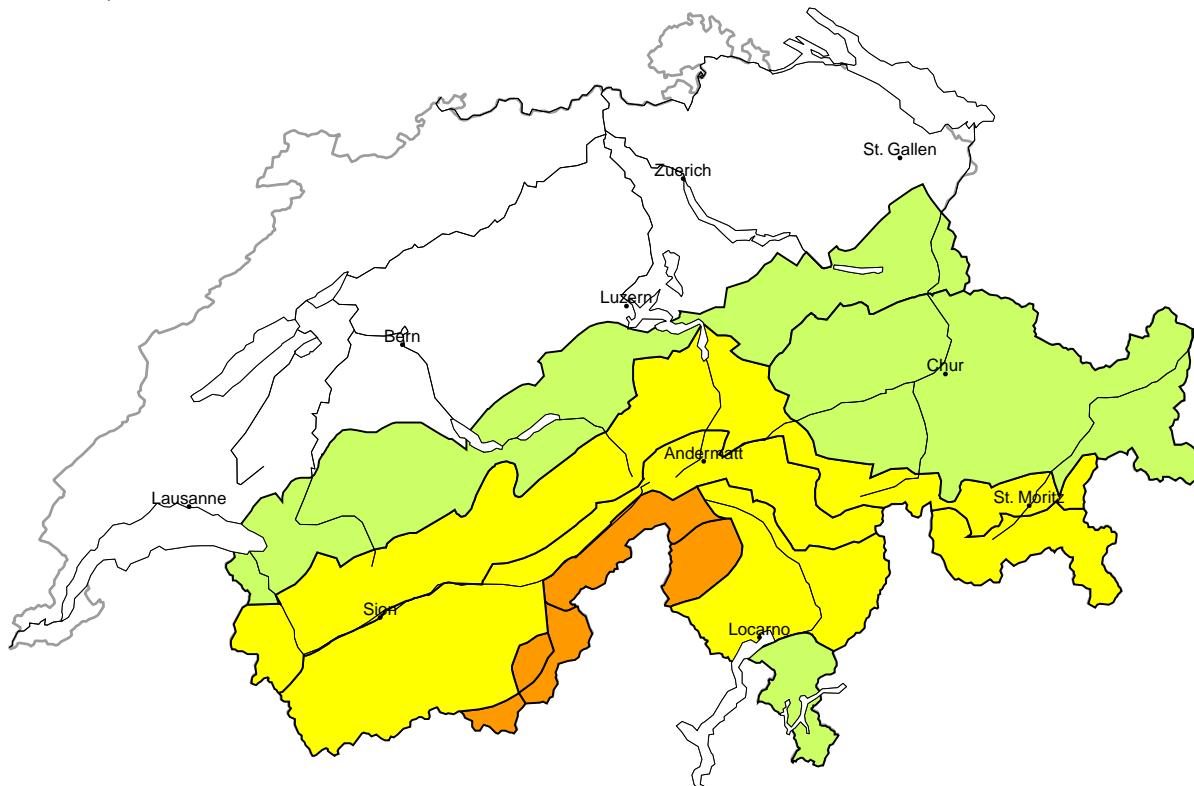
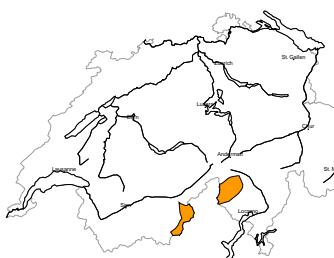


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region A

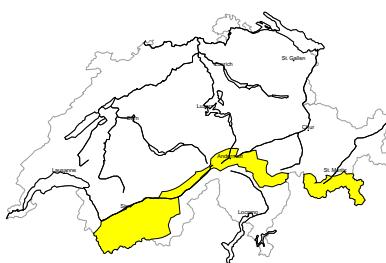
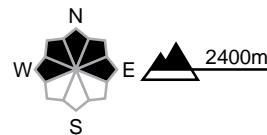
Considerable (3=)**New snow, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The new snow and wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. Individual natural avalanches are possible. Avalanches can release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

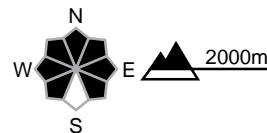
region B

Considerable (3=)**Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

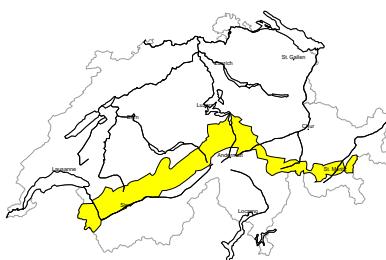
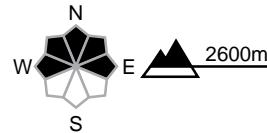
The new snow and wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

region C**Moderate (2=)****Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The mostly small wind slabs of Thursday are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region D**Moderate (2=)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region E**Moderate (2-)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

As a consequence of a strong to storm force southerly wind, small wind slabs formed on Thursday in some places. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can also be released in deep layers and reach medium size in isolated cases. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Danger levels

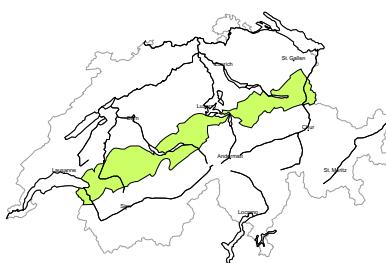
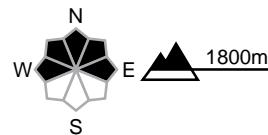
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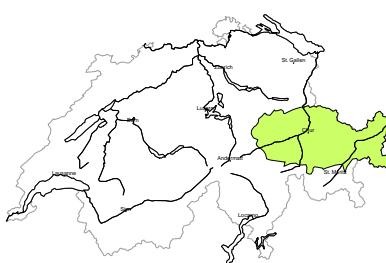
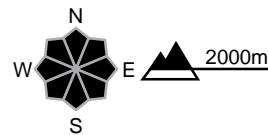
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4 high

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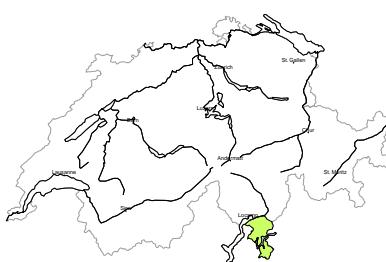
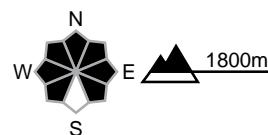
region F**Low (1)****No distinct avalanche problem****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

A little snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

region G**Low (1)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. In some localities small wind slabs formed. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

region H**Low (1)****New snow****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying.

As a consequence of the new snow snow slides are possible. Even a snow slide can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year in most regions and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor in many places. Only in northern Lower Valais are snow depths approaching average.

The snowpack structure varies from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the southern flank of the Alps, fresh and drifted snow has been deposited on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. It is possible for avalanches to be triggered in the old snowpack in these regions.
- In southern Lower Valais, Upper Valais, on the southern flank of the Alps and throughout Grisons, weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar are present in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Although these weak layers could be triggered in stability tests, it was very rare for avalanches to be triggered. Where fresh and somewhat older wind slabs lie on the weak snowpack, small avalanches are possible.
- The snowpack structure is more favourable in the extreme west of Lower Valais and northern Lower Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps. Below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

Weather review for Thursday

It was very cloudy in the south and on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais. Some snow fell above 1000 m. Elsewhere, it was mostly sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

The following amounts of snow fell above 1400 m by Thursday afternoon:

- Main Alpine Ridge in Valais from the Monte Rosa to the Nufenen Pass, Val Bedretto, Valle Maggia: 15 to 30 cm
- Remaining central part of the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais directly along the border with Italy, remaining central part of the southern flank of the Alps, Upper Engadine, Val Bregaglia, Val Poschiavo, Aletsch region: 5 to 15 cm
- Elsewhere: fewer centimetres or dry.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -3 °C.

Wind

Southeasterly wind:

- Moderate at times in Grisons and on the southern flank of the Alps at high altitudes
- Elsewhere, strong during the night, storm-force in the high Alpine regions, mostly moderate during the day

Weather forecast to Friday

Some snow will continue to fall in the south during the night. The snowfall level will be around 1000 m. During the day it will be sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

Until Friday morning:

- Monte Rosa to the Simplon region: 10 to 20 cm
- Southern Goms, Valle Maggia: 5 to 10 cm
- Elsewhere less or dry

Temperature

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

Wind

During the night to Friday in the high Alpine regions and in the Alpine valleys of the north, there will be a moderate south to southeasterly wind. Otherwise, the wind will be mostly light.

Outlook to Sunday

Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The zero-degree level will increase to 3000 m. The wind will be mostly light. The avalanche danger will decrease slowly in areas with new fallen snow, otherwise it will remain largely unchanged.

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