

Fresh snowfall and often stormy winds: increase in avalanche danger

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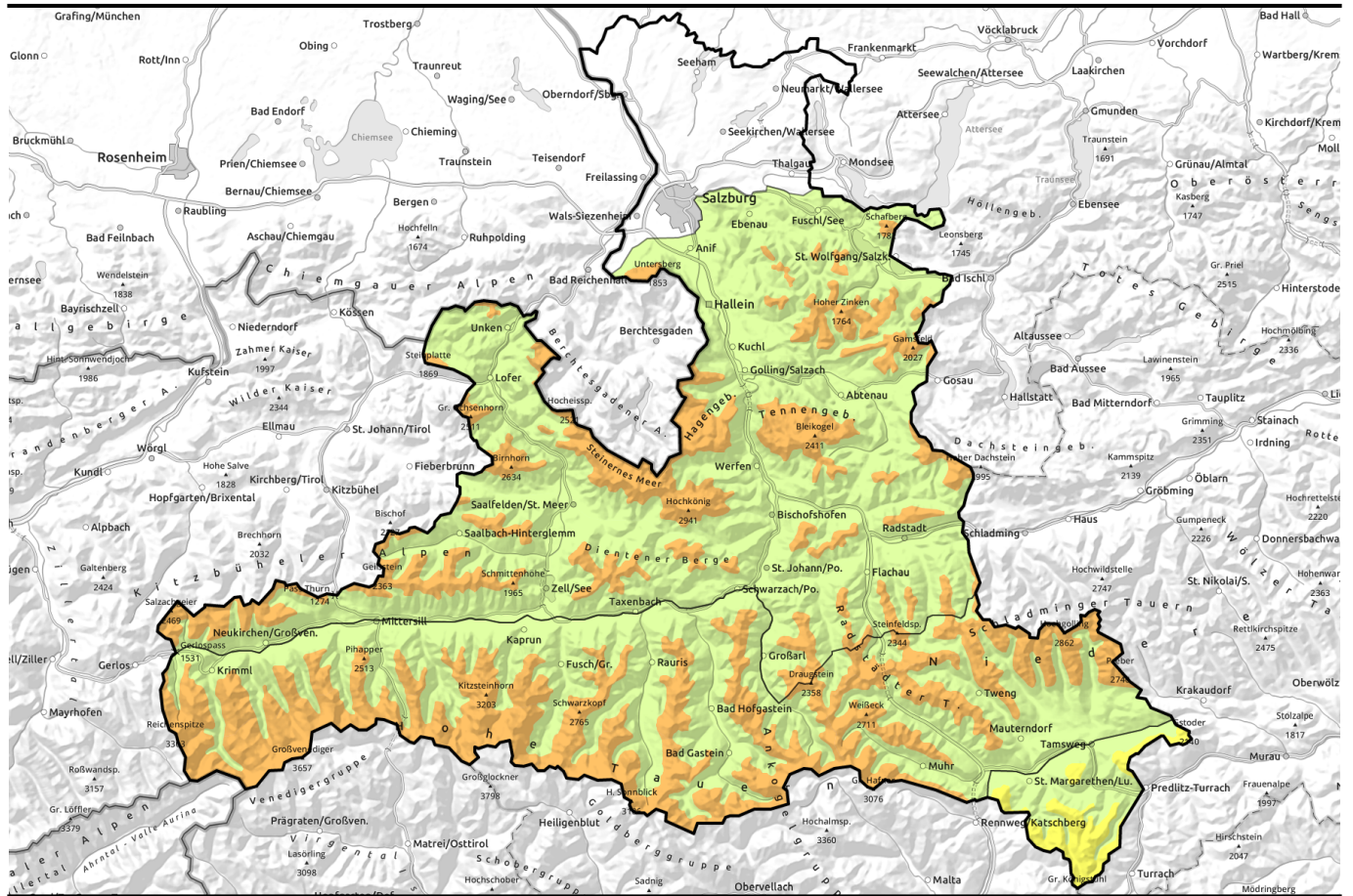


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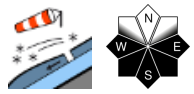
Neuschnee und teils stürmischer Wind führen zu einem Anstieg der Lawinengefahr

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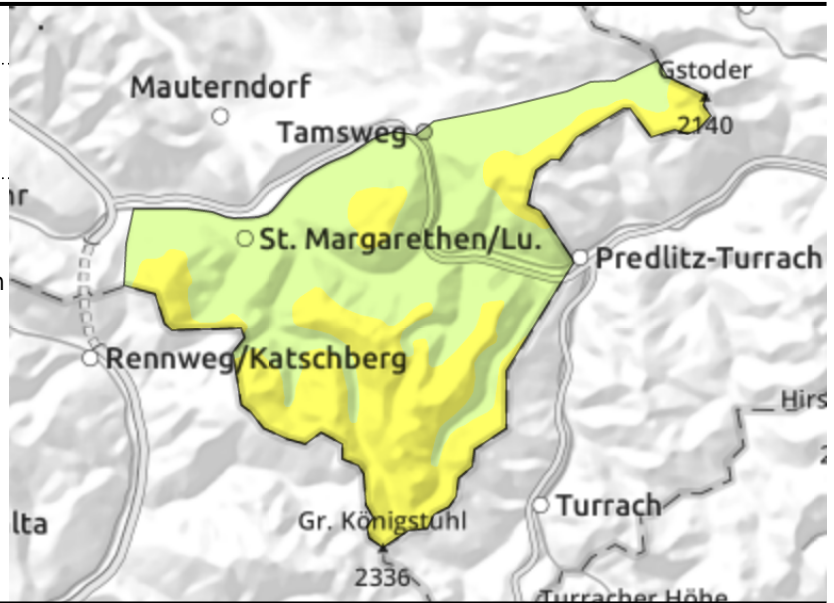
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Avalanche report for Monday, 30.01.2023

Nockberge



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Caution: trigger-sensitive snowdrift accumulations

Avalanche danger above 1800 m is MODERATE, below that altitude danger is LOW.

Fresh snowdrifts from Friday on E/S/W facing slopes are often prone to triggering, also distant from ridgelines with intensifying winds. Avalanches of small-to-medium size can be triggered even by minimum additional loading on very steep slopes. Danger zones occur esp. near ridgelines, in gullies and bowls and behind abrupt discontinuities in the terrain. They are easily recognized with adequate visibility and should be circumvented.

Superficial releases can in isolated cases fracture down to more deeply embedded layers inside the snowpack and grow to larger size, particularly on shady slopes above 2200 m. These danger zones are not visible to the naked eye.

Snowpack structure

Amid moderate to strong northerly winds, fresh snowdrift accumulations were generated on Friday. They lie deposited on E/S/W facing leeward slopes atop soft layers and are prone to triggering in places. The fresh snow from last week has settled and consolidated well for the most part. In the Tauern there are isolated weak layers in the snowpack fundament, sometimes melt-freeze crusts, particularly on shady slopes at high altitudes.

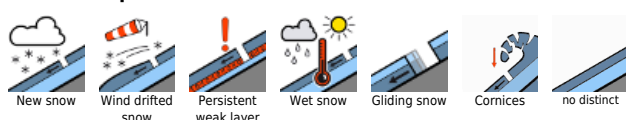
Weather

On Monday morning, frequent sunshine, in the afternoon heavy cloud cover will move in. Towards evening snowfall will set in. As a cold front moves through, temperatures will drop, stormy northerly winds will intensify.

Outlook

As a result of the cold front, snowfall by Tuesday morning, amid stormy winds: 5-10 cm. Winds will generate fresh, mostly small-sized snowdrift masses. No significant change is expected in avalanche danger levels.

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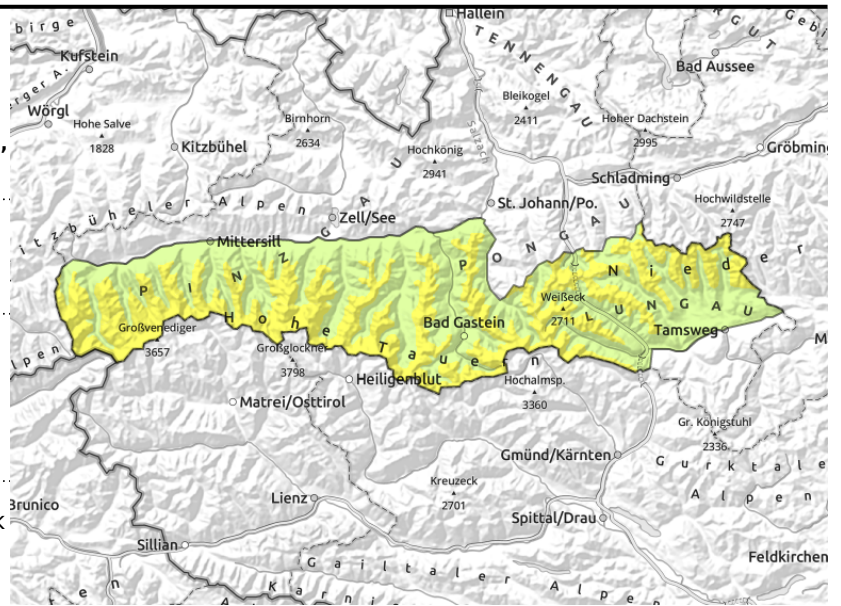


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In addition, isolated weak layers inside the snowpack are prone to triggering. Least favourable are very steep shady slopes above 2200 m and sunny slopes at high altitudes (>2800m). As a result of the increased snow masses from last week these layers are ordinarily triggerable only by large additional loading. On very steep (>35°) slopes or at rock precipices (transitions from shallow to deep snow), one sole skier can initiate fractures down to deeper snowpack layers. Avalanche releases are generally medium-sized.

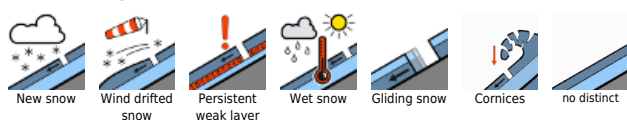
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Weather

On Monday, storm-strength NW winds, gust in the afternoon will reach 100 km/hr. Initially, visibility will be adequate, but heavy cloud and snow showers in the afternoon will worsen it. At 2000 m: -6

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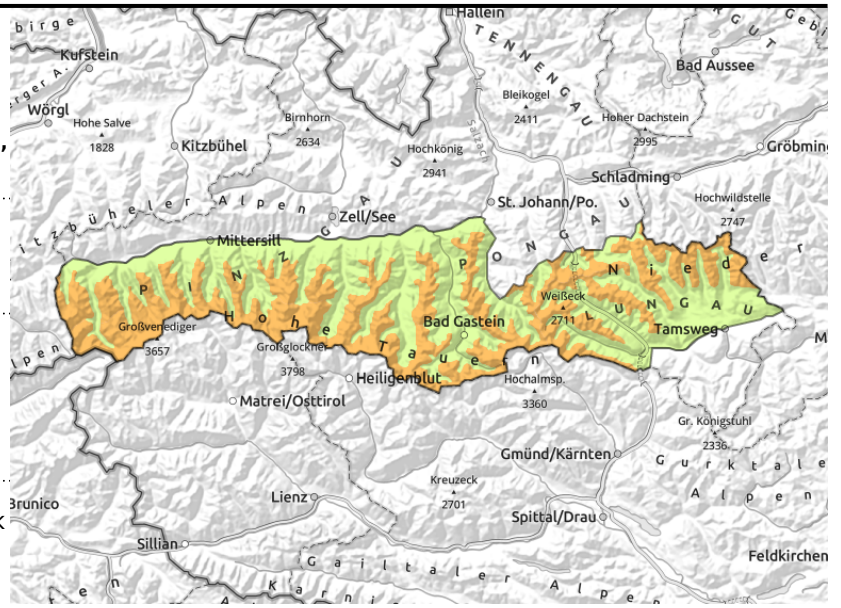


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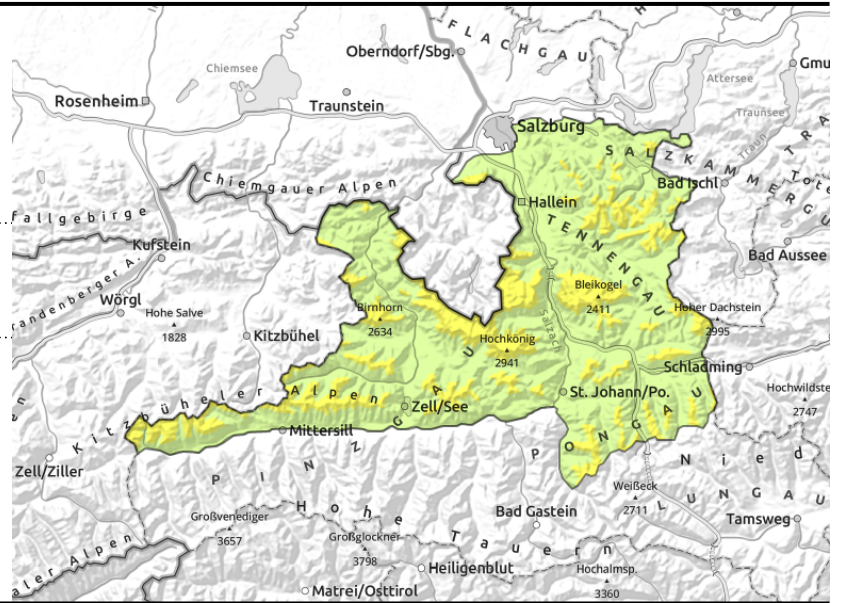


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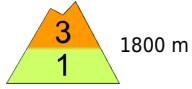


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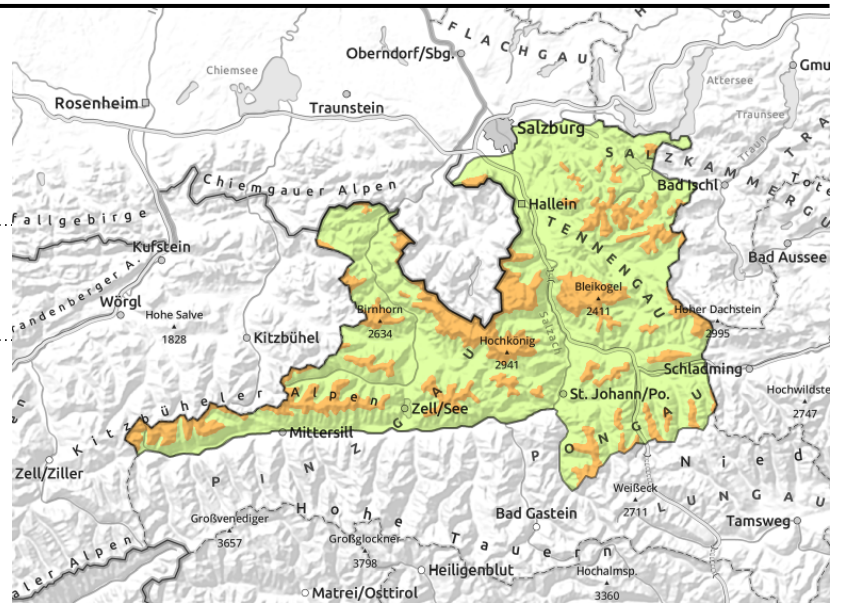


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