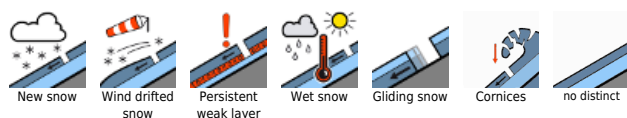


Persistent-weak-layer problem at high altitude, gliding snow on steep grassy slopes

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	1800 m Osterhorngruppe, Gamsfeldgruppe, Untersbergstock, Chiemgauer Alpen, Heutal, Reiteralpe		

Avalanche problems



Danger ratings



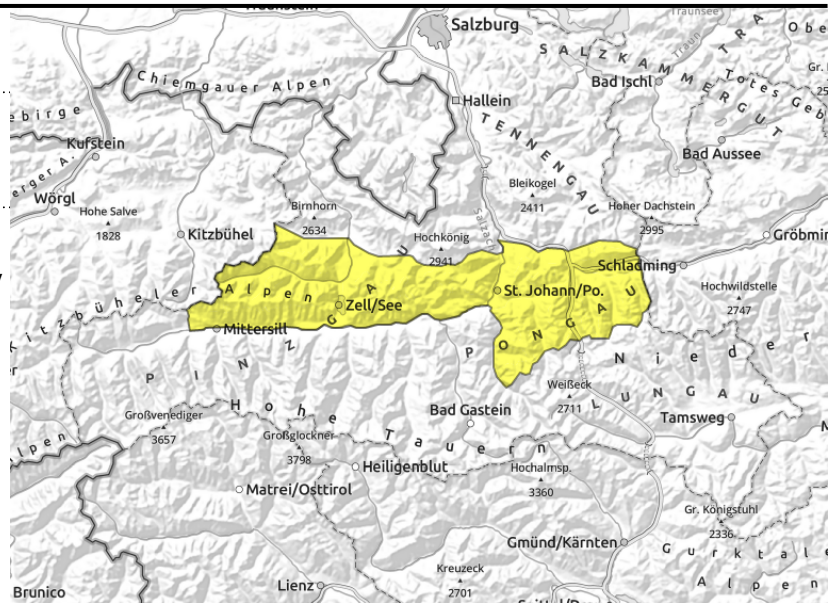
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**Dientner Grasberge, Pongauer Grasberge,
Kitzbüheler Alpen, Glemmtal, Niedere Tauern Nord**



on extremely steep grass-
covered slopes, possible at any
time of day



Main problem: gliding snow

Avalanche danger is MODERATE above 1800 m. Avalanches can trigger in all aspects at any time of day or night naturally as long as there is sufficient snow on the ground and grow to medium size, sometimes large size. Avoid zones beneath glide cracks.

Otherwise the danger of falling outweighs that of being buried in snow masses.

Snowpack structure

The snowpack is thoroughly wet up to 2000 m. Good nocturnal outgoing longwave radiation, a melt-freeze crust has formed, usually capable of bearing loads.

Above 1900 m there are small snowdrifts deposited atop a crust, easily recognized, usually well bonded with the surface, unlikely to trigger.

Due to warmth of the ground and moistness of the snowpack, increased glide-snow activity can be expected.

Weather

Fine weather from a high-pressure front. Nocturnal skies will be star-studded and tranquil. In the valleys, early morning fog will form. Sunshine will dominate tomorrow but for a few harmless clouds, outstanding visibility. Light winds at all altitudes. Far too mild for this juncture of the season, zero-degree level at 2500 m. At 2000 m: 3-5 degrees; at 3000 m: -2 degrees.

Outlook

Avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

Avalanche problems



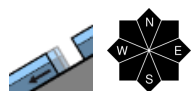
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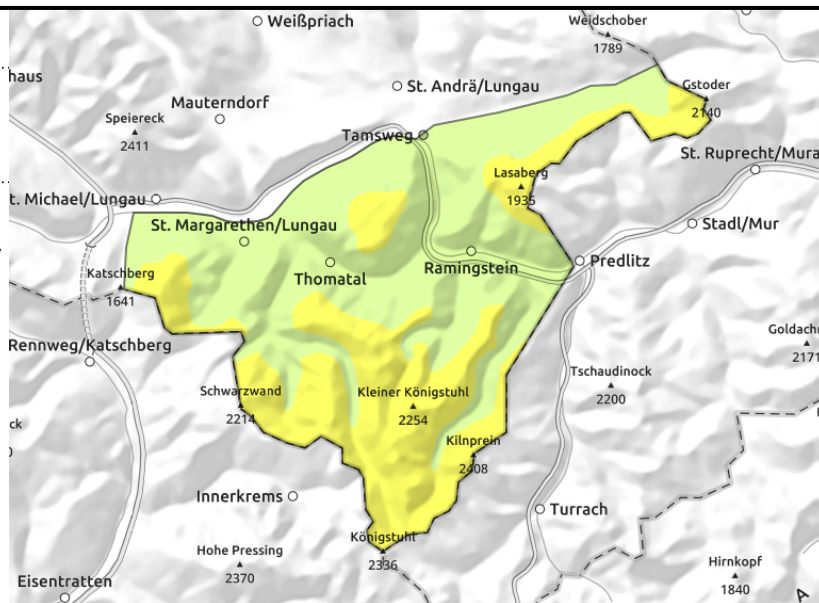
Expositions



Nockberge



on extremely steep grass-covered slopes, possible at any time of day



Danger of falling outweighs that of being buried in snow

Avalanche danger is moderate above 2000 m, below that altitude danger is low. Glide-snow avalanches are a threat up to summit level. Where there is sufficient snow on the ground, large-sized releases are possible, though most are small-to-medium. Avoid zones below glide cracks. In a few spots, small snowdrift patches can be triggered by 1 person. Danger spots are easy to recognize.

Snowpack structure

The snowpack layering is favorable by and large. Due to warmth of the ground and moistness of the snowpack, increased glide-snow activity can be expected.

Weather

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Outlook

Avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

Avalanche problems



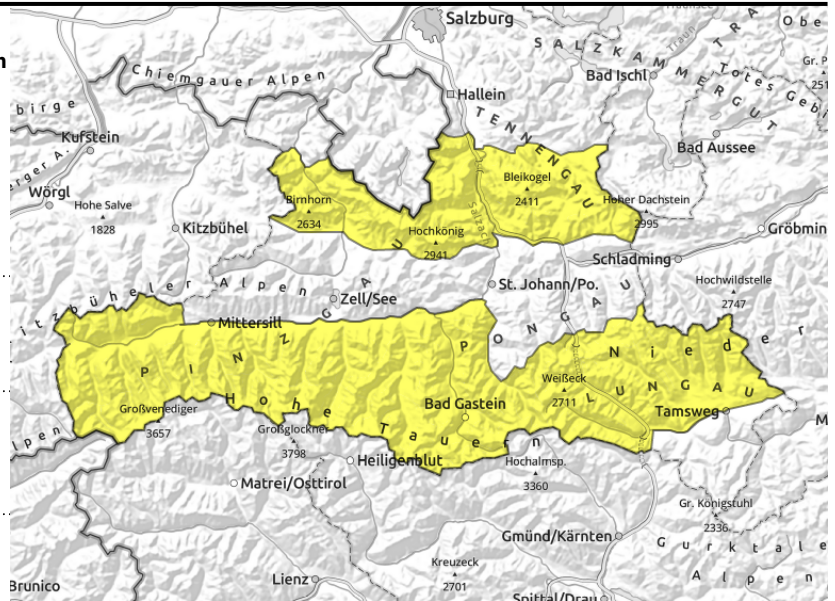
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Expositions



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triggerable in few spots in outlying terrain



in extremely steep grass-covered terrain, isolated large avalanches possible, possible at any time of day

Isolated danger zones in old snowpack

Avalanche danger is moderate.

In the few danger zones, weak layers in the uppermost part of the snowpack above 2300 m can be triggered by 1 person, esp. in transitions from shallow to deep snow and on steep sunny slopes. In isolated cases the releases can be large-sized.

The fresh snowdrifts can in many places be triggered as medium-sized avalanches even by 1 person. Danger zones swiftly increase with ascending altitude both in frequency and in size, occur mostly behind discontinuities (also distant from ridges) and in steep gullies and bowls.

Danger of naturally triggered glide-snow avalanches below 2600 m persists, larger sized avalanches are possible in high altitude starting zones.

Small-to-medium naturally triggered loose-snow avalanches can't be excluded in extremely steep terrain due to solar radiation.

Snowpack structure

Beneath the fresh snow and drifts from last week is a faceted layer clinging to a melt-freeze crust (formed in mid-January) near the surface, esp. on E/S/W facing slopes above 2300 m. The snowdrifts from last week have settled and are prone to triggering only in isolated cases.

Due to warmth of the ground and moistness of the snowpack, increased glide-snow activity can be expected.

Weather

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Outlook

Avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

Avalanche problems



New snow



Wind drifted snow



Persistent weak layer



Wet snow



Gliding snow



Cornices



no distinct

Danger ratings



1 low



2 moderate



3 considerable



4 high

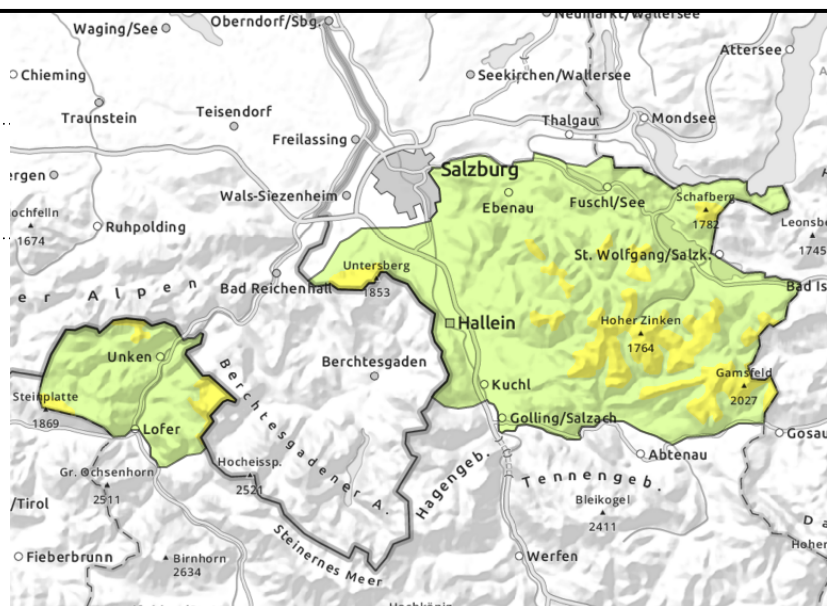
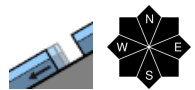


5 very high

Expositions



**Osterhorngruppe, Gamsfeldgruppe,
 Untersbergstock, Chiemgauer Alpen, Heutal,
 Reiteralpe**



Isolated danger zones due to gliding snow

The avalanche situation is quite favorable in general. On very steep grass-covered slopes, small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized glide-snow avalanches are possible above 1800 m. Avoid zones below glide cracks. The danger of falling outweighs that of being buried in snow.

Snowpack structure

The snowpack is generally stable.

Due to warmth of the ground and moistness of the snowpack, increased glide-snow activity can be expected.

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Outlook

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Avalanche problems



Danger ratings



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