

Fresh snowdrifts along Main Alpine Ridge are trigger-prone

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		Untersbergstock, Osterhorngruppe, Gamsfeldgruppe, Chiemgauer Alpen, Heutal, Reiteralpe	
	2300 m	Großvenedigergruppe Alpenhauptkamm, Glocknergruppe Alpenhauptkamm	

Avalanche problems



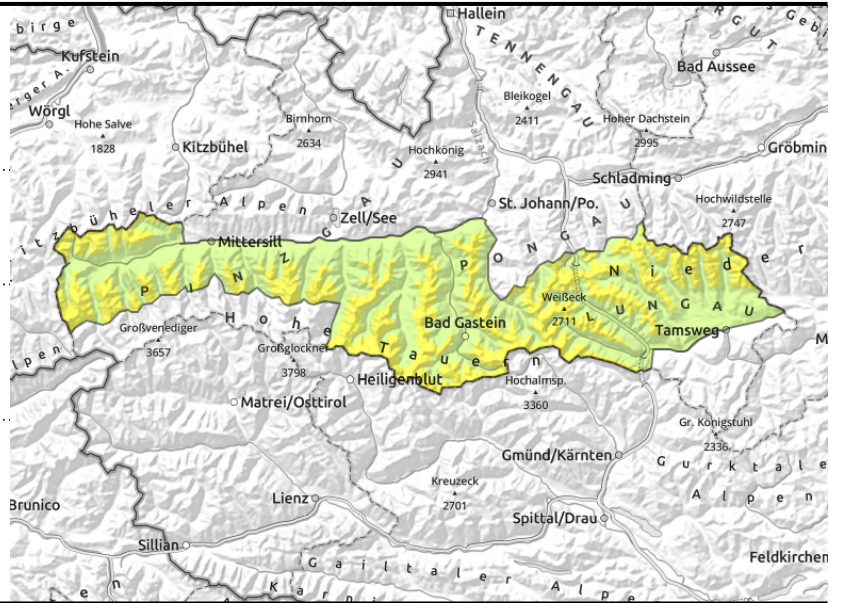
Danger ratings



Expositions



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gullies, steep bowls, behind discontinuities, near to and distant from ridges



on steep grass-covered slopes, possible at any time of day or night, increasing with rain impact

Fresh snowdrift accumulations trigger-prone

Avalanche danger above 2100 m is moderate.

Freshly generated snowdrift accumulations can be triggered by 1 person in some places, releases often medium-sized. On the western sector of the Main Ridge where snowfall was heaviest in the last few days, medium-sized avalanches are likelier. Danger zones increase with ascending altitude, occur near steep ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in W/N/E facing terrain. Snowdrifts are easy to recognize, should be circumvented.

There is still latent danger of glide-snow avalanches, most releases medium-sized, occasionally larger. Due to solar radiation, loose-snow avalanches can be expected in extremely steep terrain in the afternoon, mostly small releases.

Snowpack structure

Due to persistent southerly foehn wind, fresh snowdrift accumulations are being generated, deposited atop a soft surface above 2100 m. Above 2300 m both blanketed surface hoar and faceted crystals near crusts can serve as weak layers, esp. on W/N/E facing slopes. At intermediate altitudes the snowpack is thoroughly moist and compact.

Weather

On Friday night, skies north of the Main Alpine Ridge will be clear, on th Main Ridge and southwards therefrom skies will be overcast. On Saturday, frequent sunshine in the Northern Alps, with clouds passing through. In Tauern and Nockberge, heavy clouds will lodge from the south, shroud the peaks, minor snowfall is possible. The southerly winds will be brisk to stormy. In ridgeline and pass areas of the Hohe Tauern, windspeeds of 90 km/hr will be reached. At 2000 m: -3 to 0 degrees; at 3000 m: -7 to -4 degrees.

Outlook

Due to intensifying foehn wind, frequency of danger zones relevant to snowdrift problem will increase.

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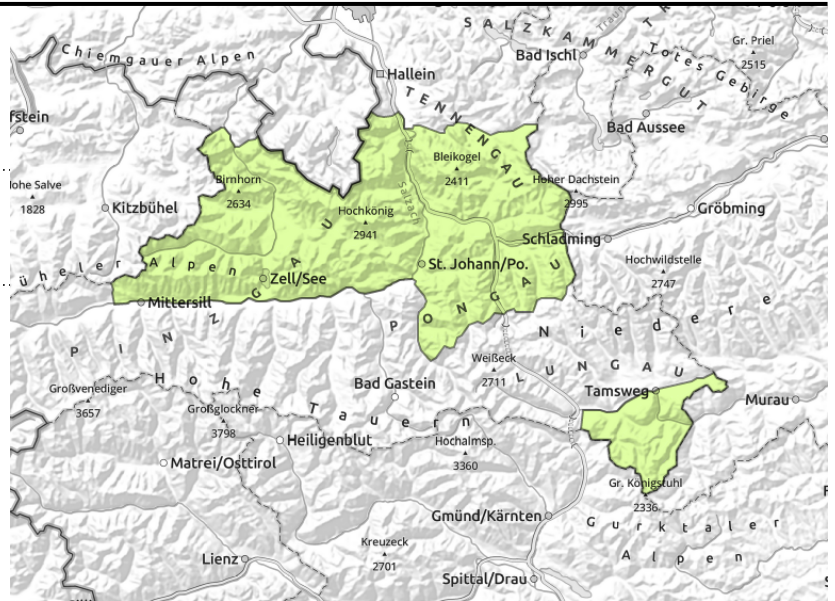
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in steep grass-covered terrain, possible at any time of day or night

Avoid zones below glide cracks.

Avalanche danger is low. Small snowdrift accumulations can be triggered by 1 person in a few danger zones, releases mostly small.

Small snowdrift accumulations can be triggered by 1 person in some places and reach medium size in high altitude terrain and where snowfall has been heavy.

Small snowdrift accumulations can be triggered by 1 person in some places. Consider the danger of falling!

Due to solar radiation in the afternoon, small loose-snow avalanches possible in extremely steep terrain.

Snowpack structure

Above 2000 m on shady slopes there is 10 cm of loose snow atop a crust capable of bearing loads. Beneath this and on sunny slopes at all altitudes the fresh snow from Wednesday is already moist and has formed a new crust. At intermediate altitudes the snowpack has become thoroughly moist repeated times and is very compact. Below 1400 m there is hardly any snow on the ground.

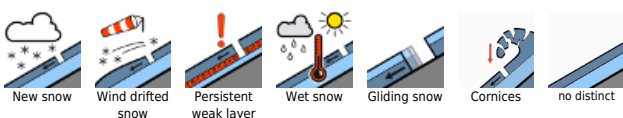
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Avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

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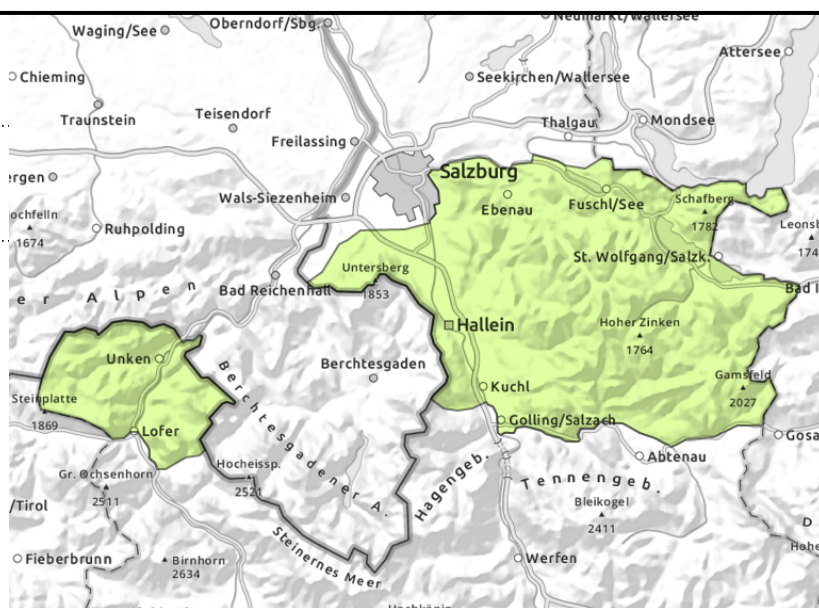
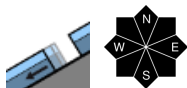
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Stable snowpack

Avalanche danger is low. On extremely steep grass-covered slopes isolated small glide-snow avalanches are possible, but seldom.

Snowpack structure

At intermediate altitudes the snowpack has become thoroughly moist repeated times and is very compact. In all aspects there is a melt-freeze crust capable of bearing loads. Below 1600 m there is hardly any snow on the ground.

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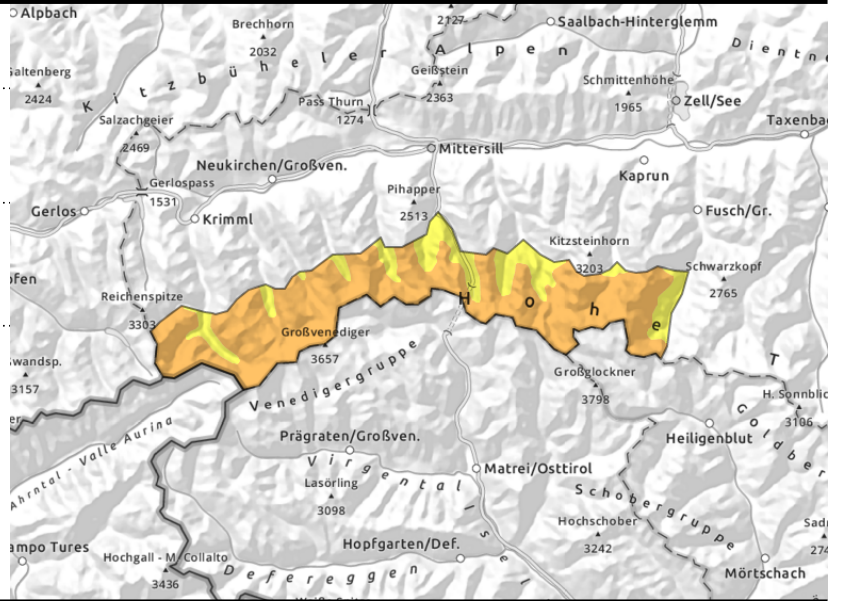
**Großvenedigergruppe Alpenhauptkamm,
 Glocknergruppe Alpenhauptkamm**



behind discontinuities, near ridges, in gullies, steep bowls



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Heed: fresh snowdrifts and persistent weak layer at high altitudes

Avalanche danger above 2300 m is CONSIDERABLE, below that altitude danger is moderate. Fresh snowdrift accumulations can be triggered in some danger zones by 1 persons and grow to medium size. Danger zones increase with ascending altitude, occur esp. behind discontinuities and in gullies and bowls on W/N/E facing slopes. Drifts are easy to recognize and should be avoided. Above 2300 m there are near-surface weak layers in the snowpack, triggerable in some places by 1 person, large-sized releases possible, esp. on very steep shady slopes. There is continuing latent danger of glide-snow avalanches, usually medium-sized, occasionally larger.

Snowpack structure

Due to persistent southerly foehn wind, fresh snowdrift accumulations are still being generated, deposited atop a soft surface above 2200 m. Above 2400 m both blanketed surface hoar and faceted crystals near crusts can serve as weak layers, esp. on W/N/E facing slopes. At intermediate altitudes the snowpack is thoroughly moist and compact.

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