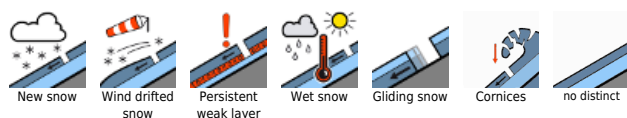


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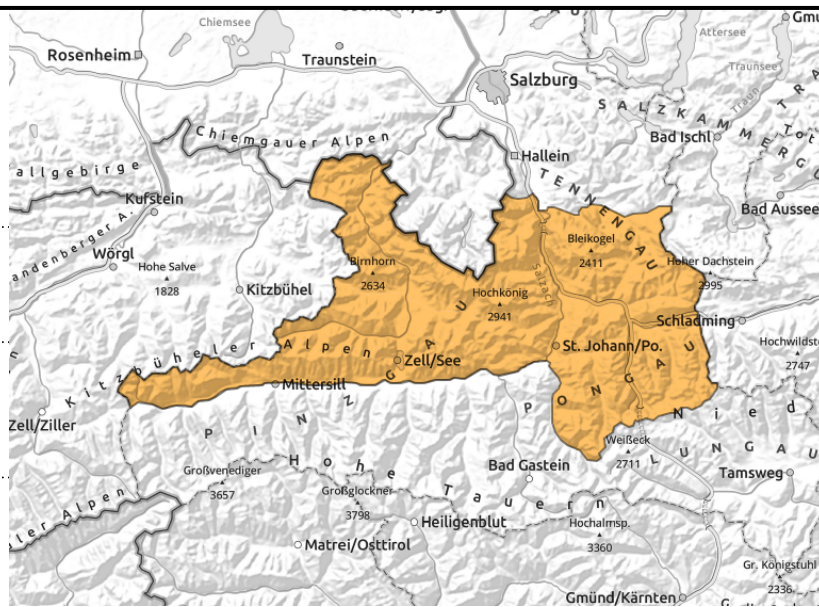
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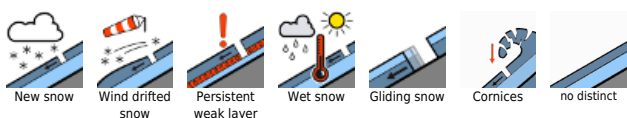
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Outlook

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Avalanche problems



Danger ratings



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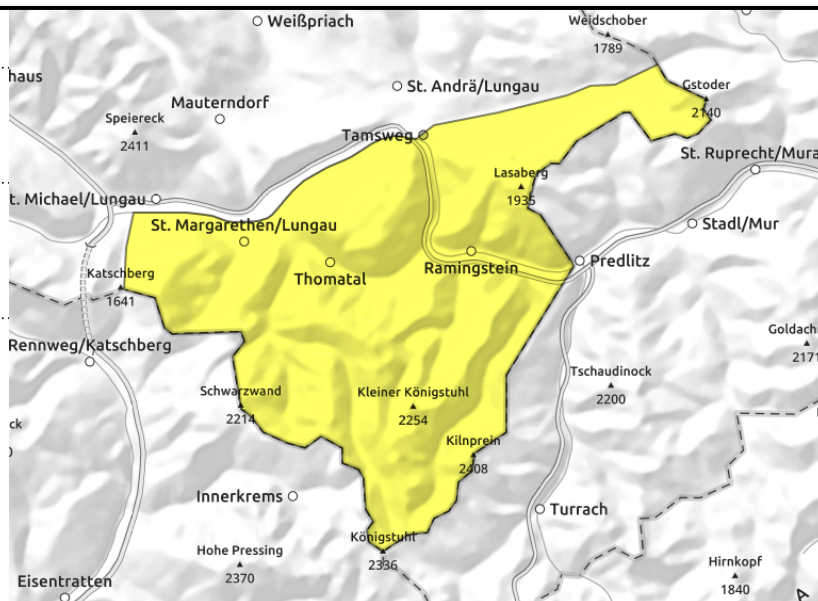
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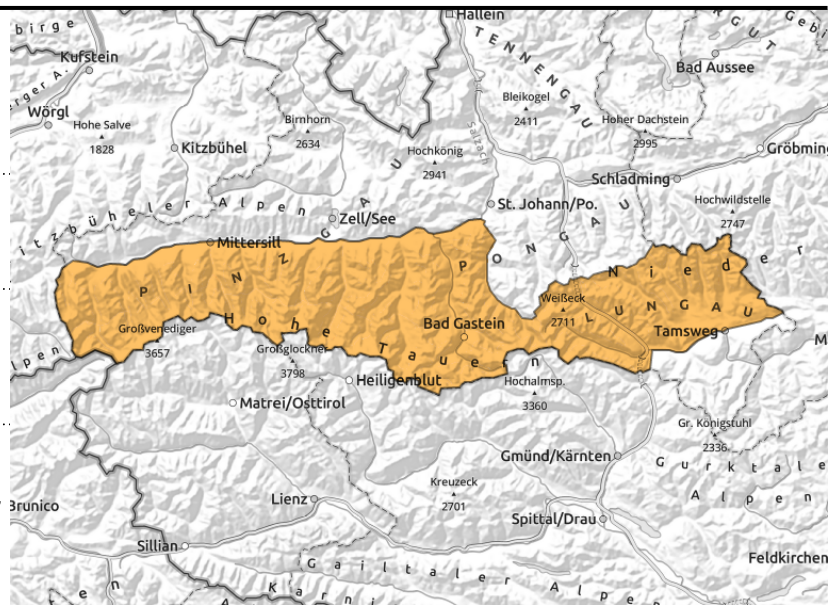
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hefty impulse of warmth,
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on steep grass-covered slopes
which have not yet discharged,
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New snow



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

