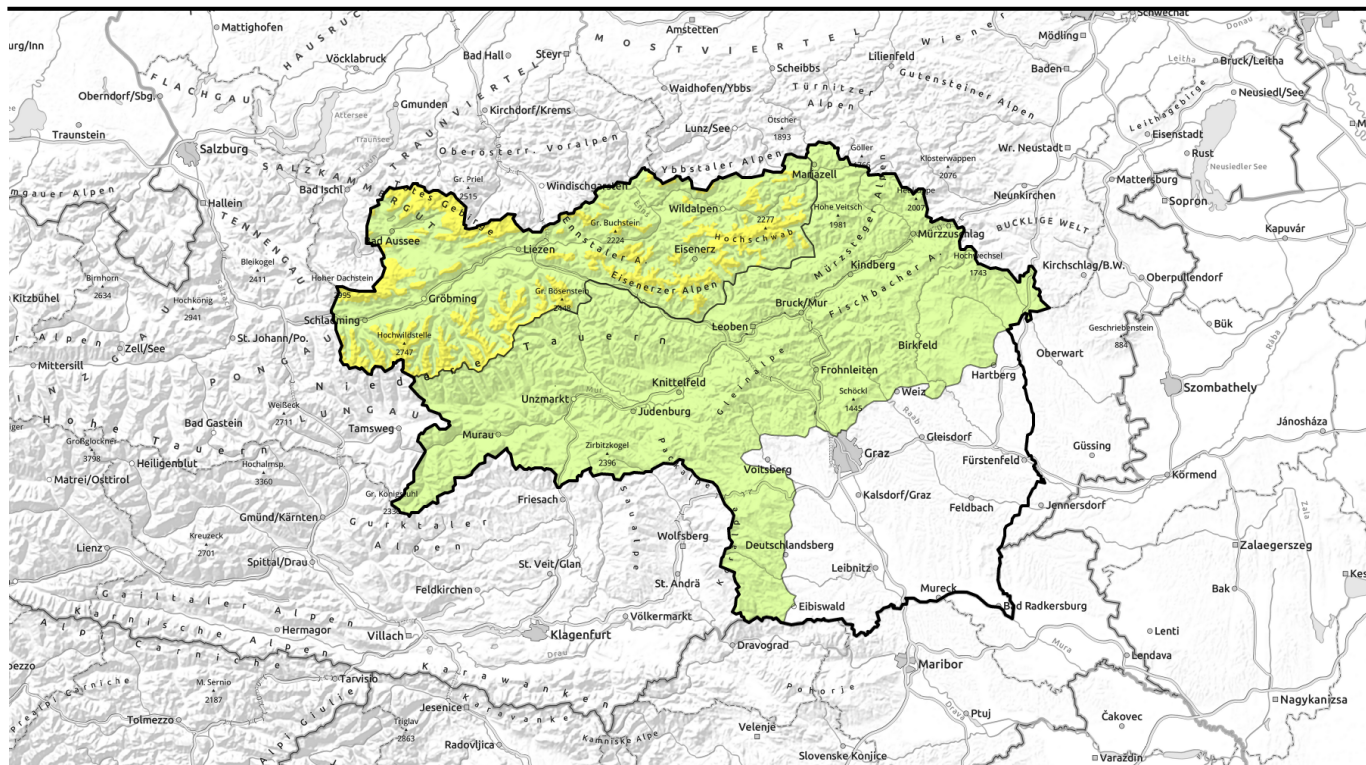


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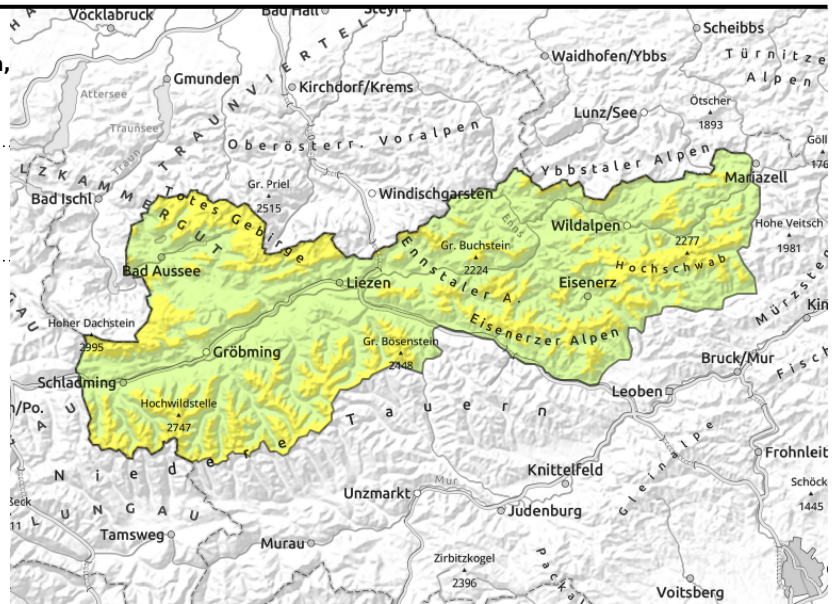
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forestline



above the treeline in gullies and steep bowls



Moderate avalanche danger above the timberline - Caution: fresh, trigger-sensitive snowdrifts

Avalanche danger above the treeline is MODERATE, below that altitude danger is LOW. At high altitudes freshly generated snowdrift accumulations in N/E/S aspects, behind abrupt discontinuities in the terrain and in gullies and bowls are being generated. Due to storm-strength winds, drifts are also being deposited distant from ridgelines down to forest edges. They can be triggered even by minimum additional loading in some places and grow to medium size. The frequency of danger zones increases with ascending altitude.

Snowpack structure

In general, the old snowpack is quite stable and melt-freeze encrusted up to high altitudes, at ground level it is moist. Weak layers inside the older snowdrift accumulations are evident only in isolated places; atop them there has been 10-15 cm of fresh snow registered, more in the vicinity of Totes Gebirge. Storm-strength winds have generated fresh snowdrift accumulations which are instable and prone to triggering.

At low altitudes there is, at best, a fragmented snowpack.

Weather

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On Friday, temperatures will rise significantly accompanied by southerly winds. At 2000 m: between 5 and 10 degrees at midday. Sunshine. High-altitude cirrus clouds will not disturb the sunny weather.

Outlook

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thin snowdrift patches near ridgelines above the treeline

Low danger - shallow snowdrift patches above the timberline

Avalanche danger is LOW. Thin snowdrift patches are being generated on N/E/S facing slopes above the treeline, esp. behind abrupt discontinuities in the terrain and in gullies and bowls. They can trigger a small slab avalanche.

Snowpack structure

In general, the old snowpack is quite stable and melt-freeze encrusted up to high altitudes, at ground level it is moist. There has been 5 cm of fresh snow registered accompanied by strong NW winds. Storm-strength winds have generated fresh snowdrift accumulations which are instable and prone to triggering. At low altitudes there is, at best, a fragmented snowpack. In the Graz mountains there is little snow on the ground.

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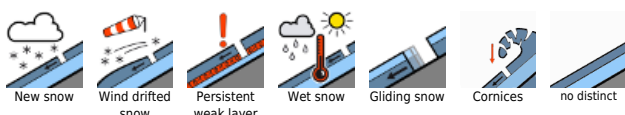
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