
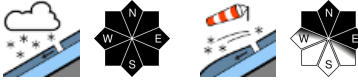

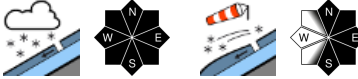

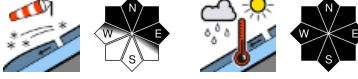


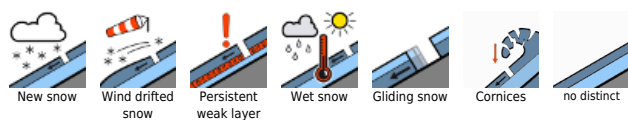


Heavy snowfall: considerable avalanche danger in places

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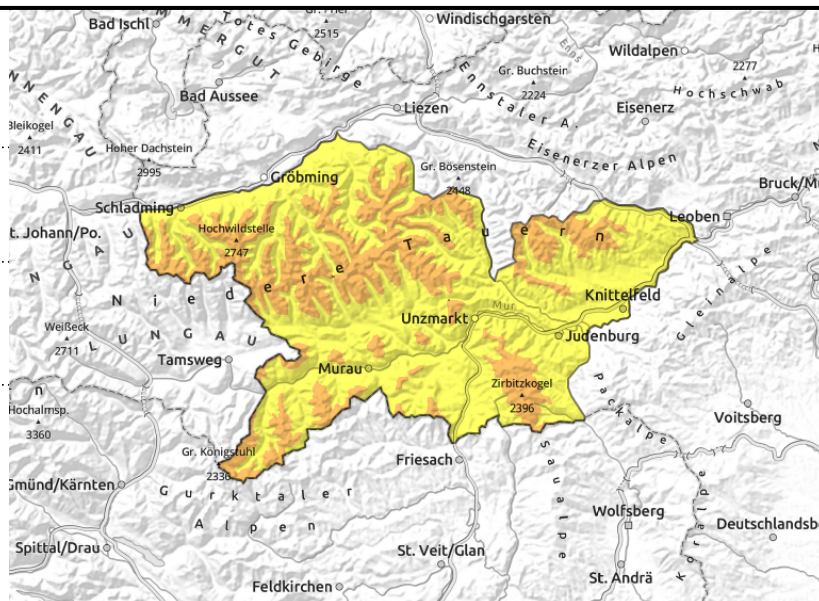
forestline



naturally triggered avalanche activity



above timberline



Considerable avalanche danger due to heavy snowfall

Avalanche danger above the timberline is considerable, below that altitude danger is moderate. Particularly critical: north-facing slopes, since many new snowdrift accumulations will be generated there during the course of the day, but self-restraint is imperative in all aspects. Medium-sized slab and loose-snow avalanches can be triggered even by 1 person on steep slopes. In addition, medium-sized (also large sometimes) naturally triggered avalanches can be expected which could place exposed transportation routes at risk.

Snowpack structure

The snowpack base is stable by and large, but there is a persistent weak layer problem on high-altitude shady slopes. On sunny slopes the fundament is isotherm and moist, glides over smooth ground. During the course of the day on Friday, up to 60 cm of fresh snow can be expected, initially accompanied by little wind, but later the southerly winds will transport the snow to north-facing slopes. Fresh snow can have weak layers which weakens the snowpack under the increasing weight.

Weather

On Friday a low over Upper Italy will bring gray skies and wet weather, the peaks will be veiled in clouds, visibility poor, heavy rainfall/snowfall throughout Styria, snowfall level in the Northern Alps below 1000 m already in early morning, also in Niedere Tauern and southern ranges later in the day. By Friday evening in Gurktal and Seetal Alps and Niedere Tauern, up to 60 cm of fresh snow is anticipated. In the remaining ranges, less than 30 cm expected. Esp. in eastern regions, the snowfall forecast is still quite uncertain, it could turn out to be much more. Winds in the Northern Alps will be westerly, brisk, later slackening off. In southern and eastern regions, the southerly winds will intensify. At 2000 m in western regions: -6 degrees, in eastern regions 2 degrees milder.

Outlook

During Friday night the snowfall will taper off, clouds will begin to disperse, later on sunshine is expected. The fresh snow and snowdrift problems will persist. Avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

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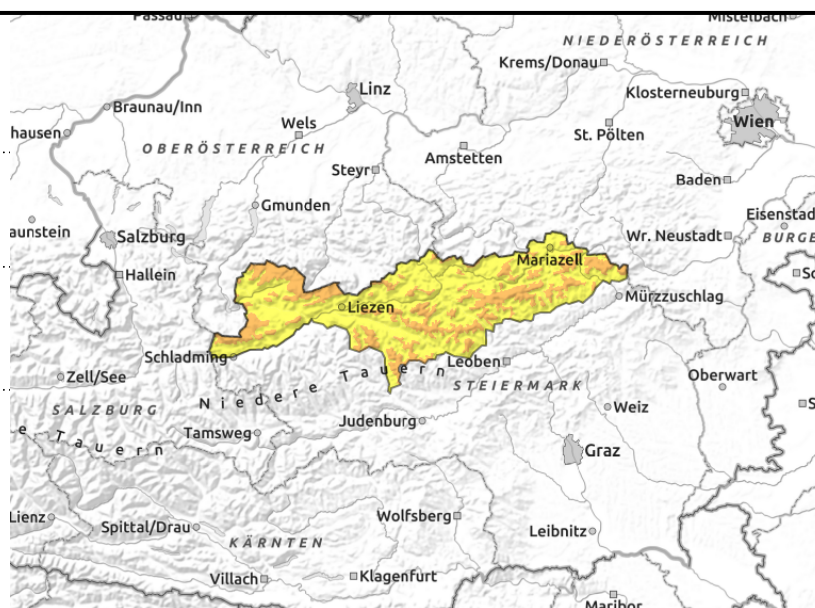
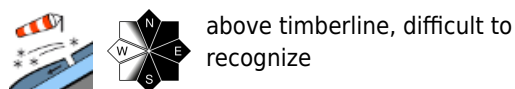
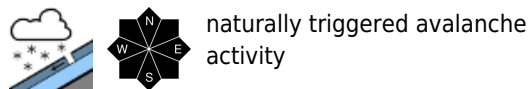
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Dachsteingebiet, Totes Gebirge, Rottenmanner Tauern, Ennstaler Alpen, Hochschwabgebiet, Eisenerzer Alpen, Triebener Tauern, Mürzsteger Alpen



Considerable avalanche danger above timberline

Avalanche danger above the timberline is considerable, below that altitude danger is moderate. Danger zones occur in all aspects, often difficult to recognize since the snowdrifts are often blanketed by loose fresh fallen snow. Particularly critical: east-facing slopes, but self-restraint is imperative in all aspects. Medium-sized slab and loose-snow avalanches can be triggered even by 1 person on steep slopes. In addition, medium-sized (also large sometimes) naturally triggered avalanches can be expected which could place exposed transportation routes at risk.

Snowpack structure

The snowpack base is stable by and large, but there is a persistent weak layer problem on high-altitude shady slopes. On sunny slopes the fundament is isotherm and moist, glides over smooth ground. During the course of the day on Friday, up to 40 cm of fresh snow can be expected, initially accompanied by westerly winds transporting the snow to east-facing slopes and later covering the generated snowdrifts. Fresh snow can have weak layers which weakens the snowpack under the increasing weight.

Weather

On Friday a low over Upper Italy will bring gray skies and wet weather, the peaks will be veiled in clouds, visibility poor, heavy rainfall/snowfall throughout Styria, snowfall level in the Northern Alps below 1000 m already in early morning, also in Niedere Tauern and southern ranges later in the day. By Friday evening in Gurktal and Seetal Alps and Niedere Tauern, up to 60 cm of fresh snow is anticipated. In the remaining ranges, less than 30 cm expected. Esp. in eastern regions, the snowfall forecast is still quite uncertain, it could turn out to be much more. Winds in the Northern Alps will be westerly, brisk, later slackening off. In southern and eastern regions, the southerly winds will intensify. At 2000 m in western regions: -6 degrees, in eastern regions 2 degrees milder.

Outlook

During Friday night the snowfall will taper off, clouds will begin to disperse, later on sunshine is expected. The fresh snow and snowdrift problems will persist. Avalanche danger levels will remain moderate to considerable.

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Koralpe, Stub- und Gleinalpe, Östliche Fischbacher Alpen und Wechselgebiet



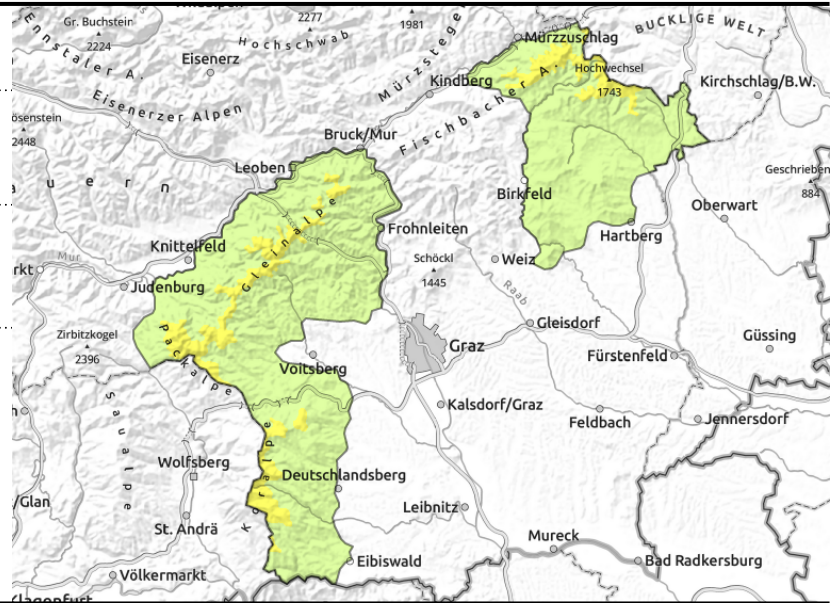
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near ridgelines



small wet-snow slides



Moderate avalanche danger due to freshly generated snowdrifts at high altitudes

Avalanche danger above the treeline is moderate, below that altitude danger is low. Danger zones occur where there are small freshly generated snowdrift accumulations in extended east-facing terrain: here in some spots a small-to-medium slab avalanche can be triggered by 1 person. In addition, naturally triggered wet-snow slides are possible in all aspects.

Snowpack structure

The fundament is stable by and large. During the course of the day on Friday up to 20 cm of fresh snow is expected, the intensifying southerly winds will transport it to north-facing slopes. Moreover there are weak layers inside it.

Weather

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Outlook

During Friday night the snowfall will continue esp. in the eastern ranges, then taper off on Saturday morning, sunshine is then expected. The snowdrift problem will persist, avalanche danger will decrease only slowly.

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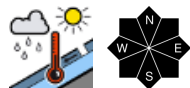
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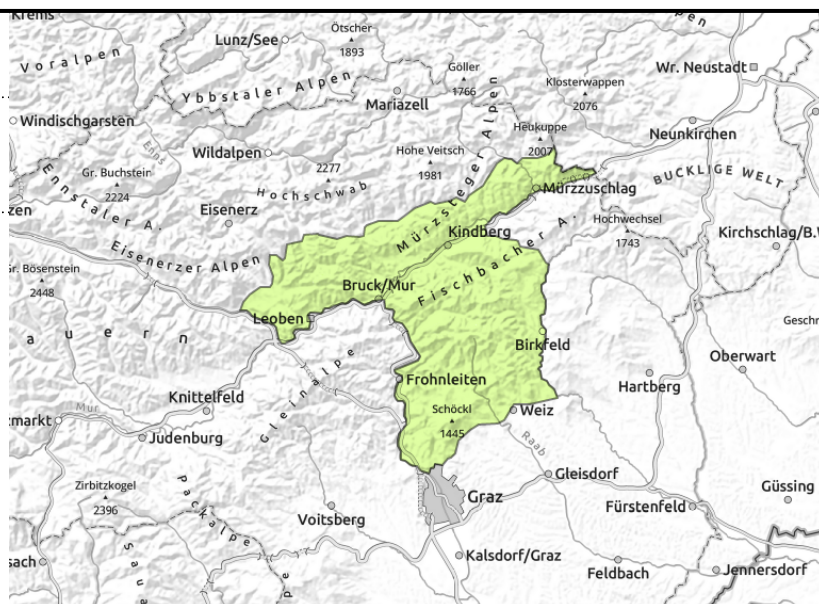
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Mürztaler Alpen, Westliche Fischbacher Alpen und Grazer Bergland



small wet-snow slides



Fresh snowfall on bare ground: a new winter landscape is created

Avalanche danger is low. The wet fresh fallen snow can generate small, naturally triggered wet-snow slides.

Snowpack structure

On Friday, up to 15 cm of fresh snow will fall, largely on bare ground. Depending on how the snowfall level changes, it could also turn to rain.

Weather

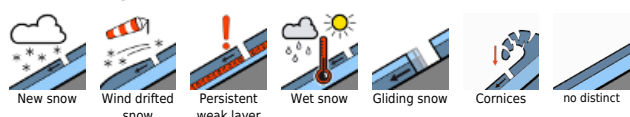
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Outlook

During Friday night the snowfall will continue esp. in the eastern ranges, then taper off on Saturday morning, sunshine is then expected. Avalanche danger will remain low.

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