

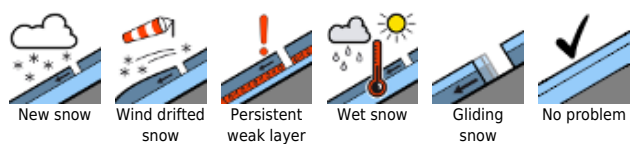
Favorable situation widespread - Heed snowdrifts on steep shady slopes and in high-altitude ridge zones



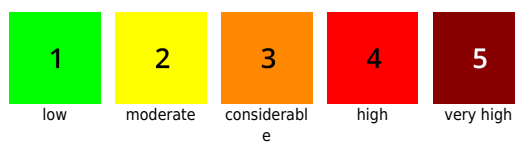
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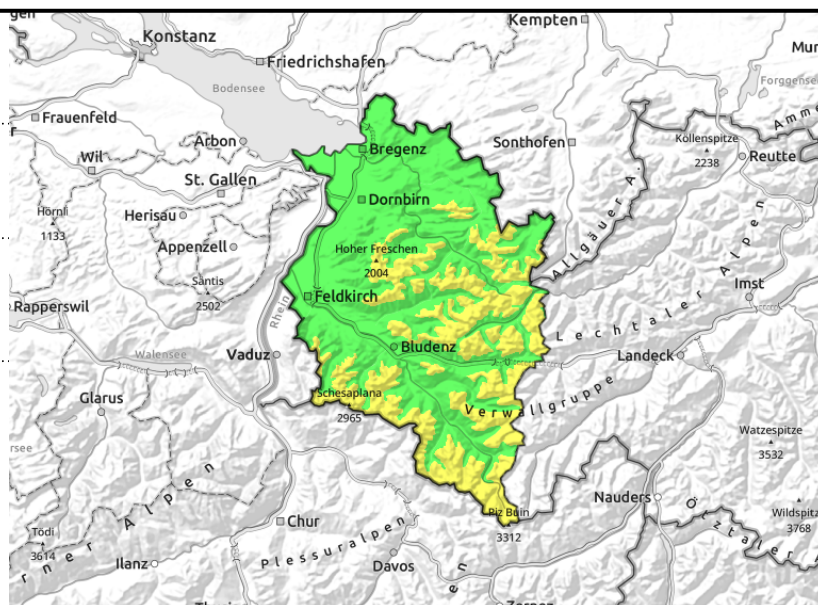


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steep shady ridgeline terrain above 2200 m

daytime rise in gliding snow due to warmth and solar radiation



Heed snowdrifts in shady, steep ridgeline terrain

Quite favorable conditions reign overall. Isolated avalanche prone locations occur on steep shady ridge slopes and behind protruberancees, as well as in transitions from shallow to deep snow above 2200 m, where isolated snowdrift accumulations generated over the last few days can still be triggered, mainly by large additional loading. On steep sunny slopes, predominantly small-sized loose-snow avalanches can trigger naturally. As a result of daytime warming and solar radiation, glide-snow avalanches are possible on steep sunny slopes below 2200 m more than anywhere else.

Snowpack structure

The night was colder than recent nights, star-studded skies as of midnight, so the south-facing slopes could form a melt-freeze crust (generally not capable of bearing loads). On NE/N/NW facing slopes there is still loose snow, mostly unbonded. Older generally small layers of snowdrifts are in isolated cases still prone to triggering, particularly on steep shady slopes and in ridgeline zones above 2200 m. Inside the old snowpack on high altitude shady slopes there are still weak layers. In the interim these are well covered and unlikely to trigger. At intermediate altitudes the snowpack is moist, which enhances the gliding movement of the entire snowpack over very steep grass-covered slopes.

Weather

Sunny and cold, the NE wind will make it feel even colder. At 2000 m: -7 degrees. Moderate to brisk N/NE winds.

Outlook

The Weather Service has forecast fine, sunny weather all week long. The favorable avalanche situation will persist.

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