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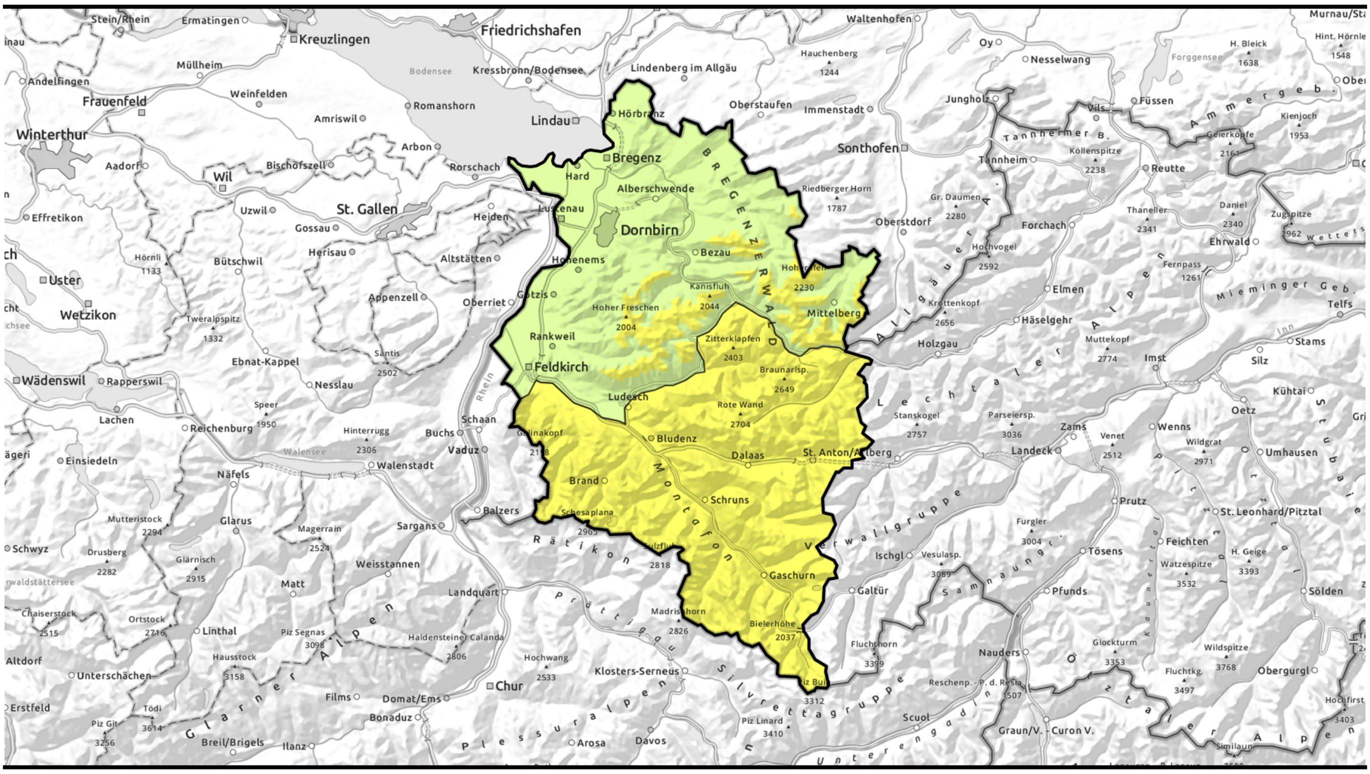

Heed freshly generated snowdrifts at high altitudes – Ongoing wet-snow avalanches

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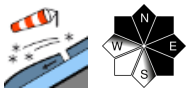

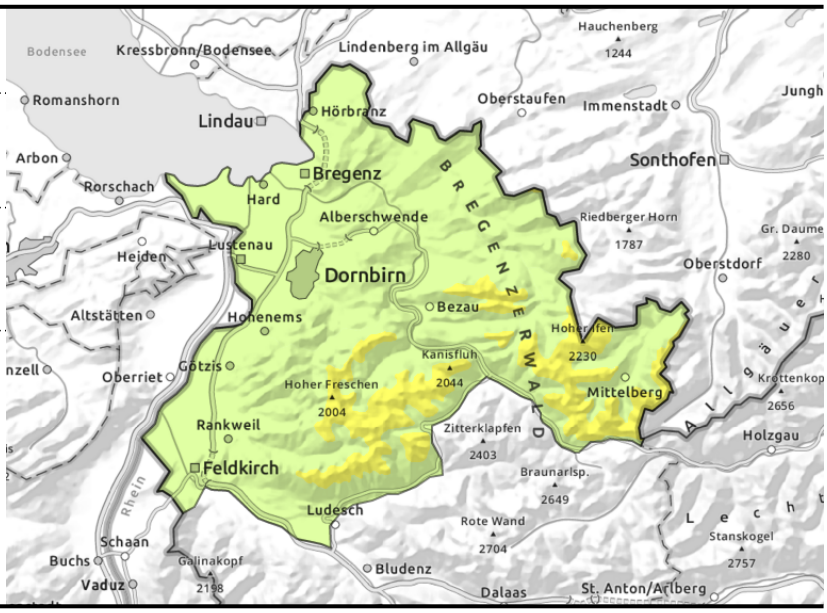

Fresh snowdrifts at high altitudes

Avalanche danger above 1500m is moderate, below that altitude danger is low. At high altitudes the main problem is fresh snowdrift accumulations. In steep ridgeline terrain in NW/N/SE facing terrain and in wind-loaded gullies and bowls, one sole skier can trigger small-to-medium sized avalanches. At intermediate altitudes, in addition, wet snow is problematic. On very steep slopes which have not yet discharged, wet loose-snow and glide-snow avalanches can trigger in isolated cases. Glide cracks are indicators of imminent danger. Avalanches can grow to medium size.

Snowpack structure

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Outlook

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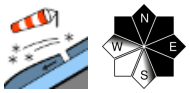

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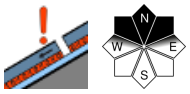
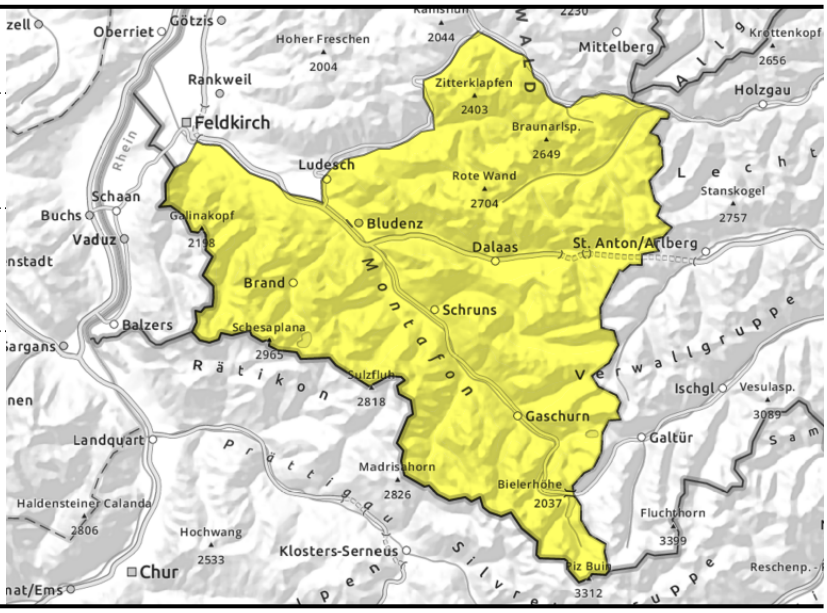


> 2200m weak intermediate layers



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