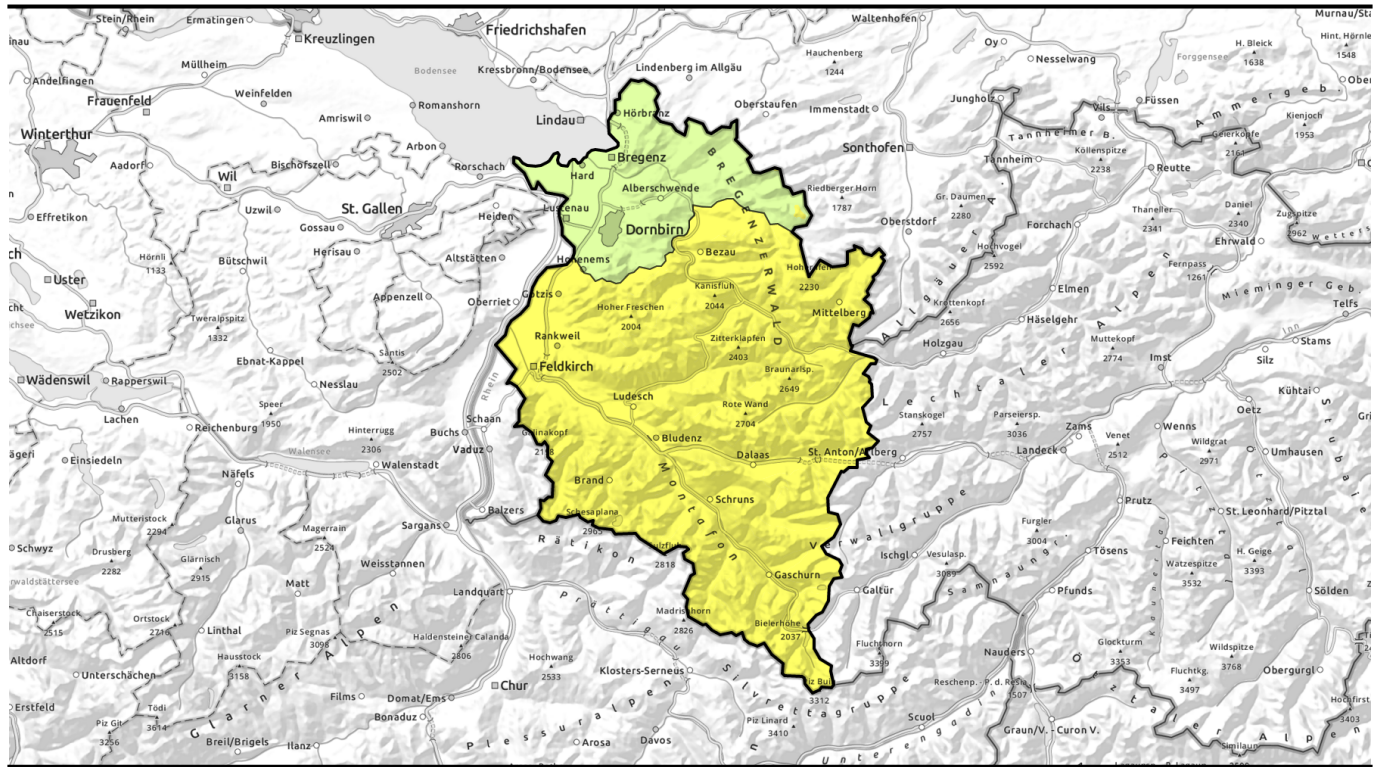
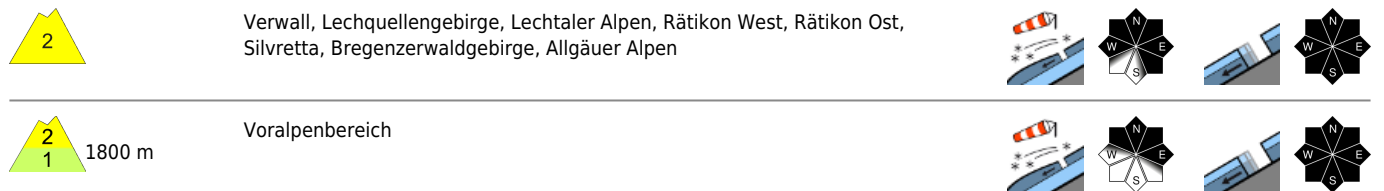


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Snowdrifts being generated, wet avalanches due to rain and warmth



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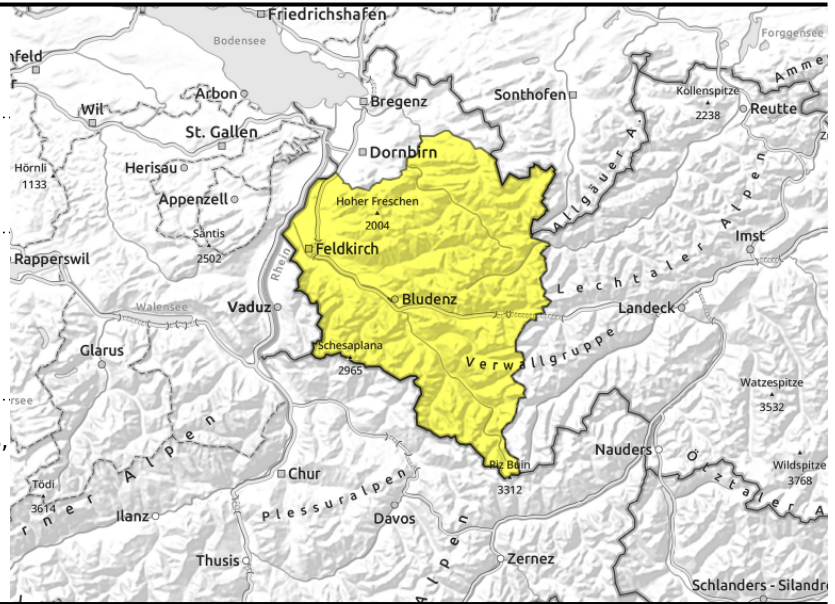


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Verwall, Lechquellengebirge, Lechtaler Alpen, Rätikon West, Rätikon Ost, Silvretta, Bregenzerwaldgebirge, Allgäuer Alpen



>2000 m: near to and distant from ridges, behind discontinuities, wind-loaded gullies, bowls



>2600 m: smooth steep slopes, grass-covered, rock plates

Fresh snowdrifts at high altitudes. Wet-snow avalanches due to warmth.

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Snowpack structure

Strong to stormy winds will transport the loose snow, generating trigger-prone snowdrift accumulations. Older drifts are bonding better with the surface, but with increasing altitude are still prone to triggering, esp on high-altitude shady slopes, inadequate bonding. The old snowpack below them is generally well consolidated and stable. In zones with rain impact, however, the snowpack is being weakened. The warm ground and wet lower layers are reinforcing the gliding movement of the entire snowpack.

Weather

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Outlook

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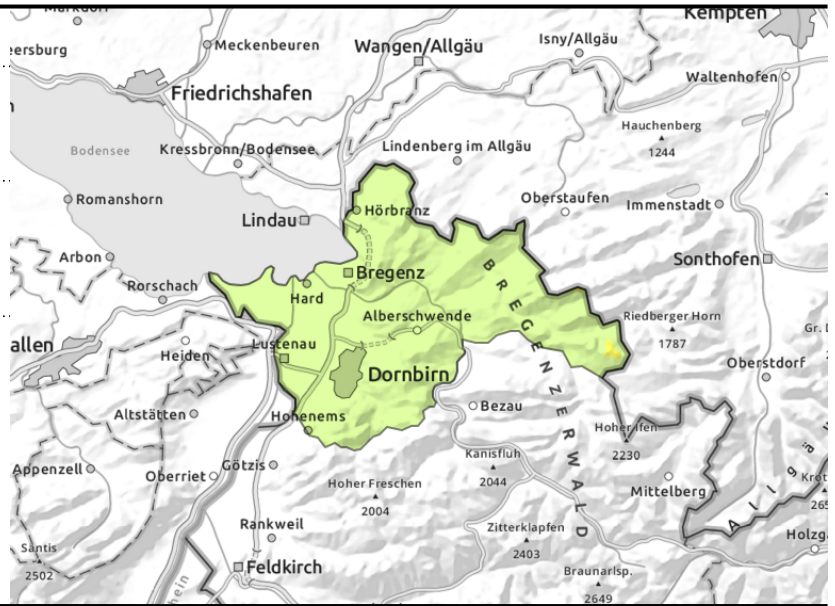
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>1800 m: behind discontinuities, wind-loaded gullies and bowls



in zones where there is sufficient snow on the ground



Pay close heed to small snowdrifts at high altitudes and wet avalanches due to rain

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Strong to storm-strength winds are transporting the loose fresh snow and generating fresh snowdrift accumulations, deposited esp. on shady slopes atop soft, expansively metamorphosed (faceted) old snowpack layers or atop a melt-freeze encrusted old snowpack surface, bonding is inadequate. The old snowpack is mostly well consolidated and stable. Up to intermediate altitudes there is little snow on the ground. Due to rain impact it is being weakened. The warm ground and wet lower layers are reinforcing the gliding movement of the entire snowpack.

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