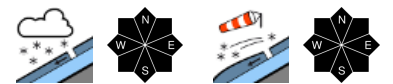


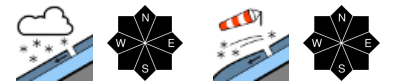
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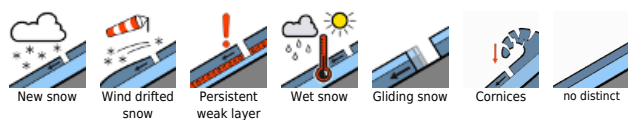
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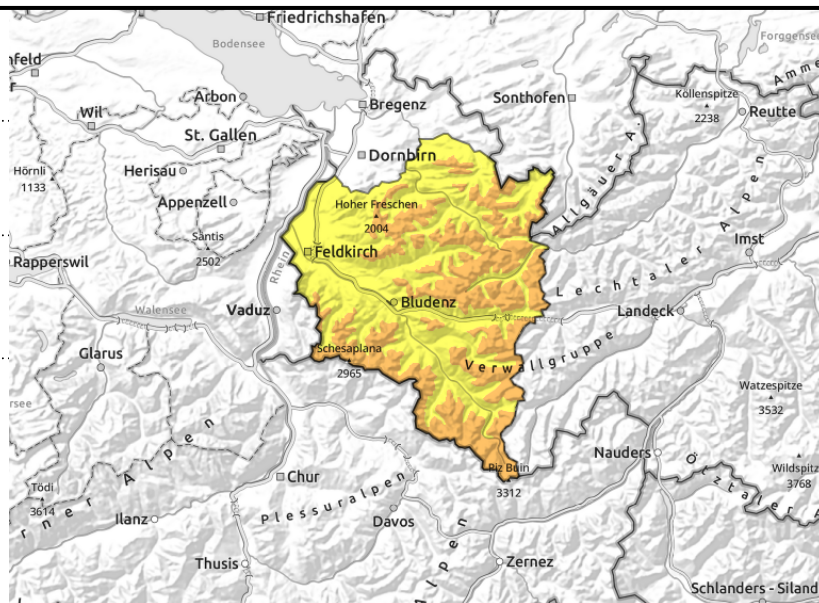
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heavy snowfall



near to and distant from steep ridgeline terrain, behind discontinuities, in gullies and bowls



Fresh snow/snowdrifts increasingly trigger-prone with ascending altitude

Avalanche danger above 1800 m is considerable, below that altitude danger is moderate. Fresh drifts can trigger a medium slab by 1 person. Danger zones occur esp. in steep ridgeline terrain, behind discontinuities and in gullies and bowls. Frequency and size of danger zones increase with ascending altitude. Activities in outlying terrain demand experience in assessing avalanche dangers on-site. Isolated glide-snow avalanches are possible. Avoid zones below glide-cracks. In case of extended bright intervals, small loose-snow avalanches are possible.

Snowpack structure

An additional 20-40 cm of fresh snow plus intermittently strong winds will generate fresh snowdrift accumulations. With ascending altitude, the fresh snow and drifts lie deposited atop soft layers and are prone to triggering; also the drifts and uppermost layers of the snowpack lie atop weak layers (wind and graupel). The snowpack is moist-to-wet down to the ground up to high altitudes. Gliding snow activity has receded due to lower temperatures, but small glide-snow avalanches are still being observed on ground which was bare of snow prior to this bout of precipitation.

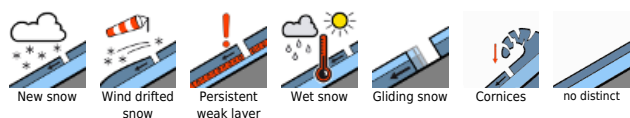
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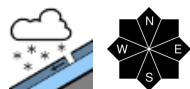
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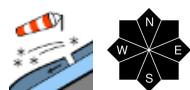
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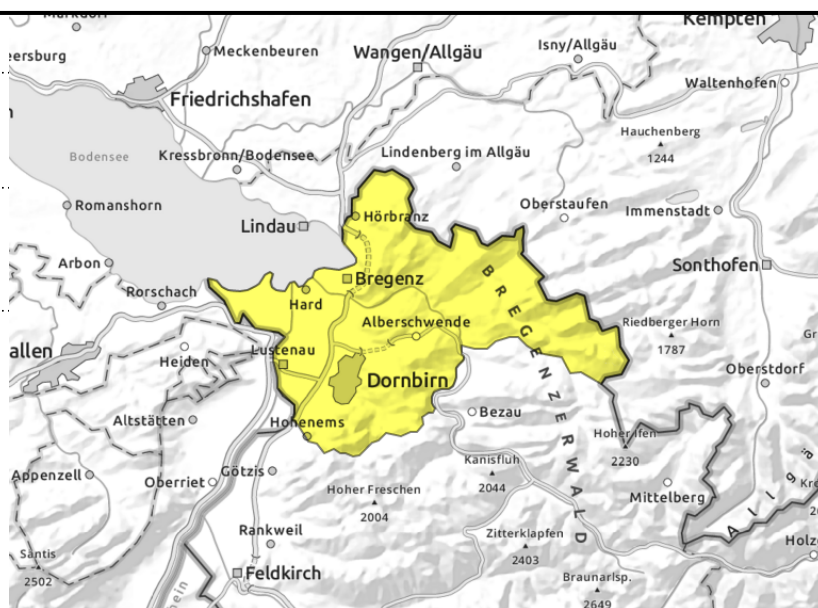
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Fresh snow/snowdrifts increasingly trigger-prone at high altitude

Avalanche danger is moderate. Fresh drifts can trigger a medium slab by 1 person. On the one hand, fresh ridgeline (and distant from ridges) snowdrifts can be triggered as a slab avalanche by 1 person - frequency and size of danger zones increase with ascending altitude and during the course of the day - and on the other, in case of extended bright intervals small loose-snow avalanches can trigger naturally, or by a person, and grow to medium size. Backcountry tours demand careful planning. Glide-snow avalanches are still possible.

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