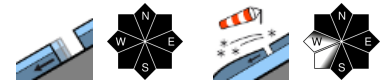


Final showers before weather change



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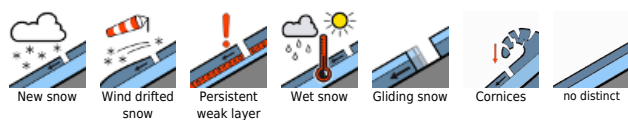


1800 m

Werdenfeller Alpen, Berchtesgadener Alpen, Allgäuer Hauptkamm



Avalanche problems



Danger ratings

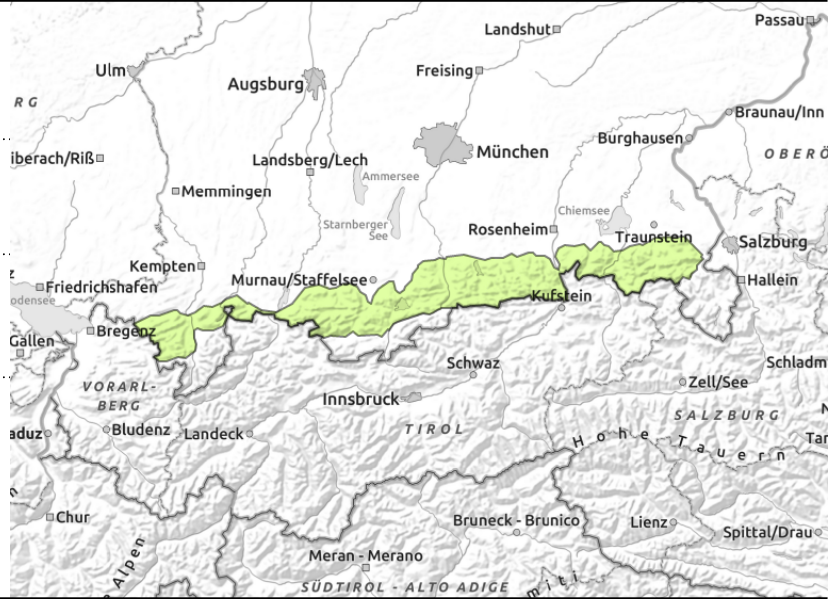
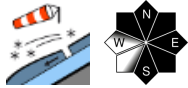
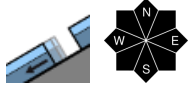


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Glide-snow and snowdrift problem in the Prealps

Avalanche danger in the Bavarian Alps is low. Gliding snow is the main problem. On very steep slopes with smooth ground in all aspects, isolated naturally triggered glide-snow releases (small-to-medium) are possible. Glide cracks are indicators of potential danger.

Apart from that, freshly generated snowdrift accumulations can trigger a small slab even by minimum additional loading. Danger zones occur above the timberline near ridges on north and east-facing slopes and in wind-loaded gullies and bowls. Frequency of avalanche prone locations increases with ascending altitude. Danger of falling outweighs that of being buried in snow from avalanches.

Snowpack structure

The old snowpack surface is moist, often wet down to ground level, which reinforces the gliding movements of the entire snowpack. The old snowpack is icy, melt-freeze encrusted and capable of bearing loads. Only small amounts of fresh snow are being transported by westerly winds in exposed terrain, generating small, often trigger-sensitive drifts on leeward slopes. Backcountry tours usually require passages where skis must be carried.

Outlook

Until the weekend, avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

Avalanche problems



Danger ratings

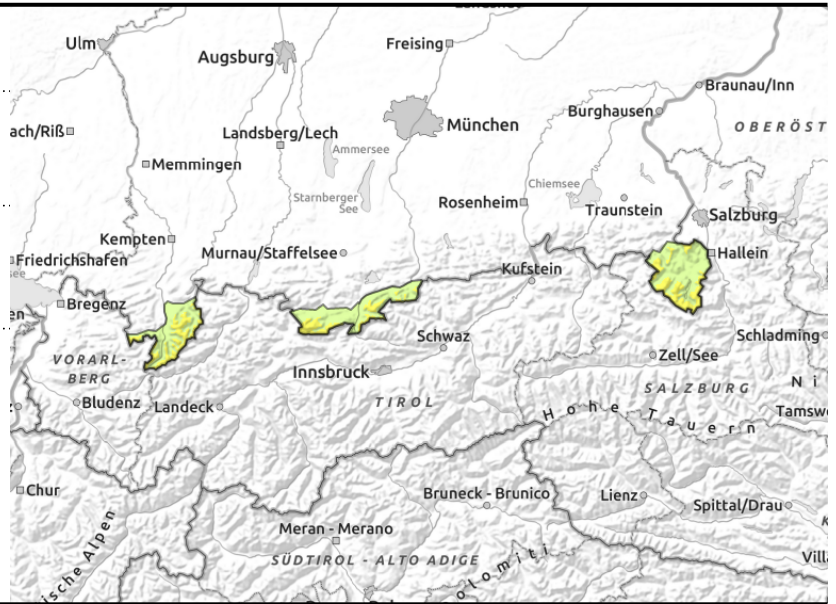
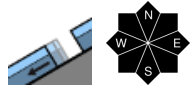
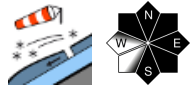


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More snowdrift accumulations in the barrier cloud regions

Avalanche danger in the Ammergau, Werdenfels and Berchtesgaden Alps is moderate above 1800 m, below that altitude danger is low. Main problem: snowdrift accumulations which can trigger a medium-sized slab avalanches even by 1 person. Danger zones occur in steep ridgeline terrain and wind-loaded gullies and bowls, esp. on NW/E/S facing slopes. Beware the dangers of falling. In addition, the dangers of glide-snow avalanches persist, esp on very steep slopes with smooth ground in all aspects, they can trigger naturally. Glide cracks are indicators of danger. Releases can reach medium size.

Snowpack structure

The old snowpack surface is stable but moist/wet down to the ground. Many glide cracks are evident. Due to persistent rainfall, water content at the snow base increases, thereby reinforced gliding snow. The old snowpack surface is icy and capable of bearing loads. Only a bit of fresh snow is being transported by southerly and westerly winds, forming small snowdrift accumulations which are often poorly bonded with the old surface. Backcountry tours usually require carrying your skies for a passage.

Outlook

Until the weekend, avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

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