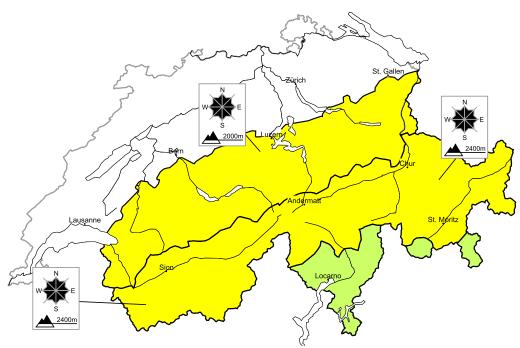
# Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area

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# Avalanche danger

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# Region A

# Level 2, moderate



## Snow drifts

## Avalanche prone locations



## **Danger description**

Fresh snow drift accumulations are to be found in particular adjacent to the ridge line and in gullies and bowls. They can be released by a single winter sport participant, but they will be small in most cases. Avalanches can additionally, in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack, mostly by large additional loads. Careful route selection is recommended.

# **Region B**

# Level 2, moderate



# Avalanche prone locations

Old snow, snow drifts



## **Danger description**

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack, mostly by large additional loads. Such avalanche prone locations are rather rare but difficult to recognise. Fresh snow drift accumulations are to be found in particular adjacent to the ridge line and in pass areas. Mostly they are small. Defensive route selection is recommended.

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# Region C

# Level 1, low



# Old snow

The avalanche conditions are generally favourable. Avalanches can be released in the old snowpack, mostly by large additional loads in isolated cases. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

# Snowpack and weather

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# Snowpack

The newly fallen and drifted snow masses on the northern flank of the Alps are still poorly bonded with the old snowpack in some places. The bise wind is bringing about newly formed snowdrift accumulations. Older accumulations are now blanketed over with snow and are no longer visible. In general the snow distribution is still irregular widespread and often heavily impacted by winds. Below about 2500 m the snow cover has stabilised well for the most part. Above approximately 2500 m there are still weaker layers evident in some places. In high alpine regions the snowpack is much influenced by wind and frequently hard compacted by it.

Overall at this juncture there is still little information available to the Avalanche Warning Service about the detailed structure of the snow cover.

# Observed weather on Saturday, 30.11.2013

On Friday night and Saturday morning there was a small amount of snowfall in northern regions in particular. Over the course of the day there were increasingly frequent intervals of brightness.

#### Fresh snow

The following amounts of fresh fallen snow were registered:

- · northern flank of the Alps: 10 to 20 cm
- · Lower Valais, Jura: 5 to 10 cm
- · remaining regions: predominantly dry

## **Temperature**

The midday temperature at 2000 m was -7°C in northern regions and -5°C in southern regions.

#### Wind

During the night, winds were blowing at moderate to strong velocity from the northwest. During the day, they shifted to northeasterly and blew at light to moderate strength.

# Weather forecast through Sunday, 1.12.2013

On Sunday it will be sunny in the Swiss Alps.

## Fresh snow

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#### **Temperature**

The midday temperature at 2000 m will be -3°C.

## Wind

Northeasterly winds will prevail, blowing at moderate strength in northern regions, then intensifying somewhat during the afternoon. In the Valais, in Ticino and in southern Grisons winds will generally remain light.

## Outlook through Tuesday, 3.12.2013

In the mountains it will be sunny and very mild. On Monday the easterly wind will still be blowing at strong velocity, but then slacken off significantly. The avalanche danger is expected to gradually diminish.