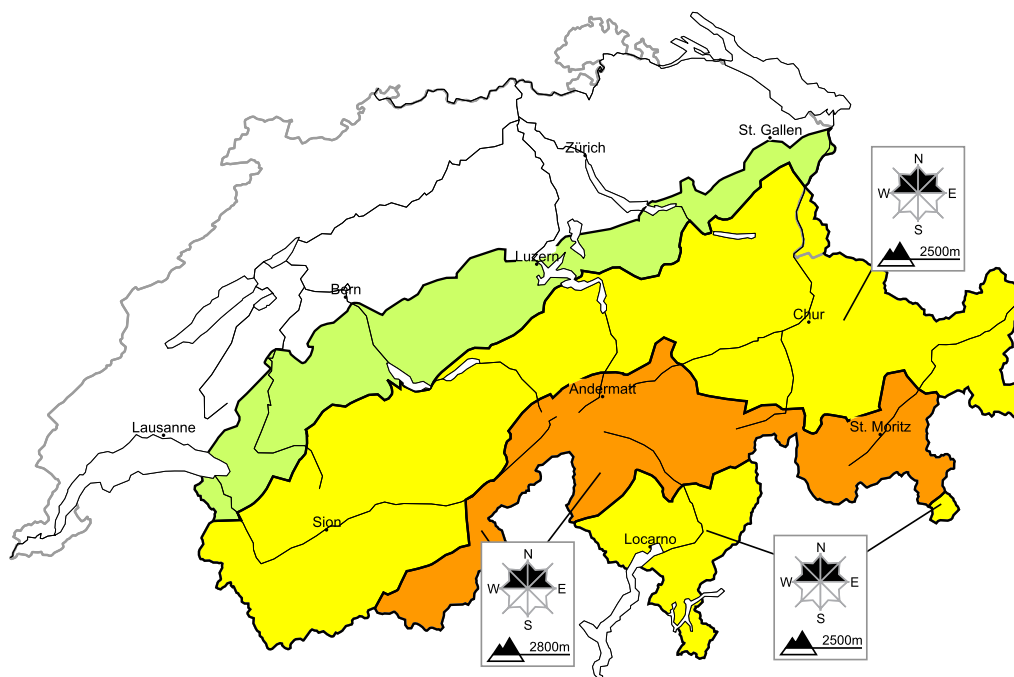


On the Main Alpine Ridge a considerable avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area

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Avalanche danger

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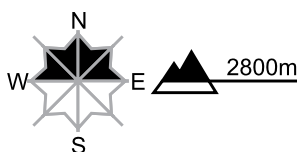
region A

Level 3, considerable



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

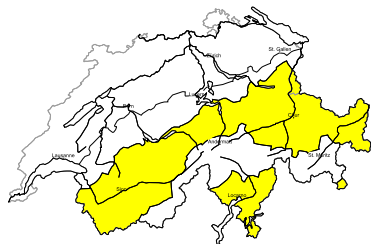
The more recent snow drift accumulations can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on shady slopes. On Sunday further snow drift accumulations will form, in particular in high Alpine regions. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Full-depth avalanches

In particular on steep sunny slopes mostly small full-depth avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2400 m.

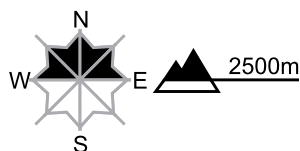
region B

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

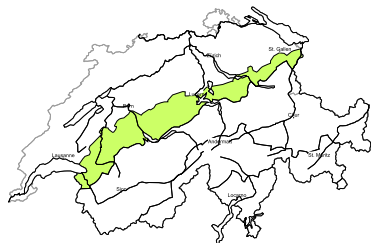
The more recent snow drift accumulations are in some cases still prone to triggering in particular on shady slopes. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations increase. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects. Careful route selection is recommended.

Full-depth avalanches

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region C

Level 1, low



Favourable situation

Thus far only a little snow is lying. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The massive amounts of new fallen and drifted snow of this week are gradually stabilising. Particularly on Sunday, as a result of quickening southerly winds, snowdrift accumulations prone to triggering are expected to form in high alpine regions.

The snow cover on south facing slopes below approximately 2500 m, on north facing slopes below approximately 2000 m, is moist. In the regions with the greatest amounts of snow more than anywhere else, numerous full depth snowslides have been observed.

Observed weather

On Thursday, skies were predominantly overcast. During the course of the day the snowfall came to an end, including in southern and eastern regions. On Friday it was rather sunny in western regions, generally overcast in eastern and southern regions.

Fresh snow

Between Monday midday and Thursday evening there was heavy snowfall. The snowfall level was at approximately 2000 m to begin with, then on Wednesday afternoon dropped to below 1000 m in northern regions and to approximately 1500 m in southern regions. Above approximately 2400 m, the following amounts of fresh fallen snow were registered:

- Main Alpine Ridge from Saastal into Val Bregaglia and southwards therefrom, Upper Engadine: 100 to 150 cm; in the Simplon region and in northern Ticino as much as 200 cm from place to place
- from the remaining Upper Valais over the eastern sector of the Bernese Oberland, Urner and Glarus Alps as far as central Grisons: 50 to 100 cm
- remaining regions: over widespread areas 30 to 50 cm; in the Vaud and Fribourg Alps as well as in the Prealps, less

Temperature

at midday at 2000 m, on Thursday 0 °C, on Friday +4 °C

Wind

Winds were blowing at predominantly moderate velocity from southerly directions.

Weather forecast through Sunday, 9.11.2014

On Friday night in northern regions, a few centimeters of snowfall is expected. During the day on Saturday it will be quite sunny. On Sunday in southern regions, a small amount of snowfall is anticipated above approximately 1800 m. In northern regions, brightened, foehn-induced skies will prevail.

Fresh snow

Between Saturday evening and Sunday evening on the southern flank of the Alps, 5 to 10 cm of snowfall is anticipated above approximately 2000 m; in the valleys of Maggia and in Val Bedretto as much as 20 cm of new fallen snow is expected.

Temperature

at midday at 2000 m, +2 °C

Wind

Winds from southerly directions will prevail:

- on Saturday at light to moderate strength
- on Sunday in high alpine regions and in those regions exposed to foehn winds, at moderate to strong velocity

Outlook through Tuesday, 11.11.2014

On Monday and Tuesday, persistent snowfall is expected in southern regions above approximately 1800 m. In northern regions, skies will be variably cloudy accompanied by foehn winds. The avalanche danger is expected to increase particularly in southern regions.