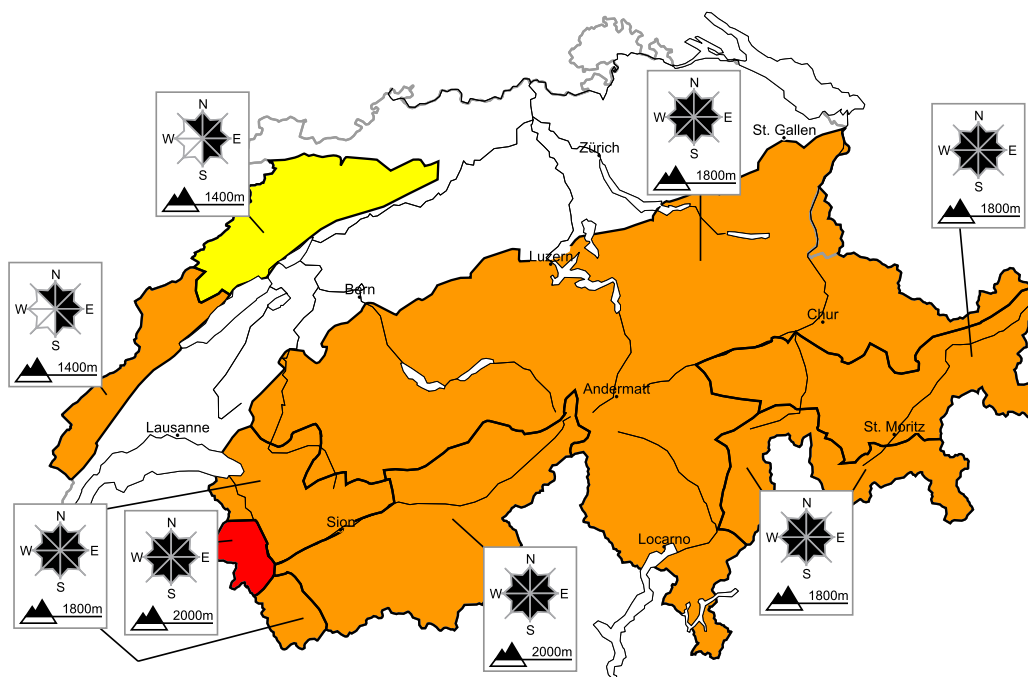


In the west a high avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions

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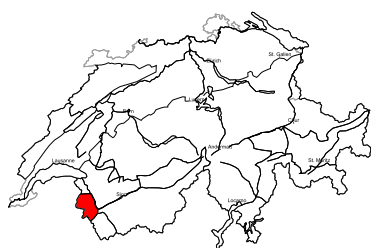
Avalanche danger

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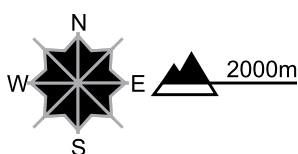
region A

Level 4, high



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

More snow than expected fell during the night. Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow are prone to triggering. From starting zones at higher altitudes individual very large natural avalanches are possible. Avalanches can in many places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for great caution and restraint.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 consider.

4 high

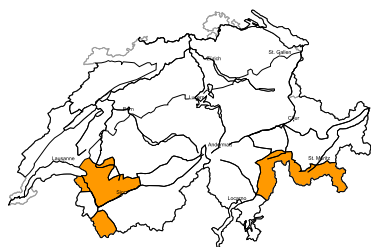
5 very high



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region B

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations

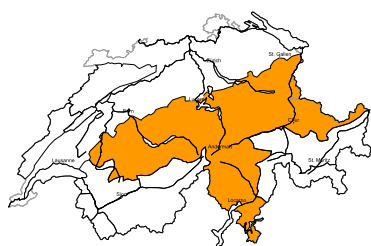


Danger description

Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow are prone to triggering. Natural avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

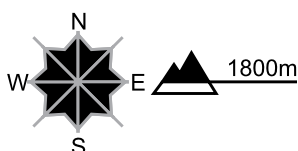
region C

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations

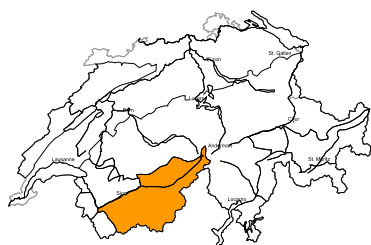


Danger description

The northwesterly wind has transported the new snow significantly. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches, including dangerously large ones. Individual natural avalanches are possible. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

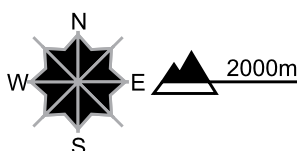
region D

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations

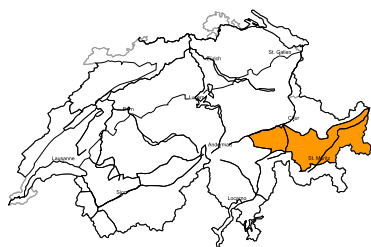


Danger description

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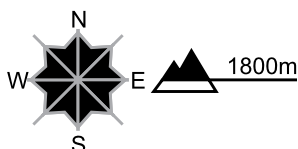
region E

Level 3, considerable



New snow, old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The northwesterly wind has transported the new snow significantly. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches, including dangerously large ones. Individual natural avalanches are possible.

In very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the weakly bonded old snow and reach large size. This applies in particular on wind-protected shady slopes above approximately 2400 m.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

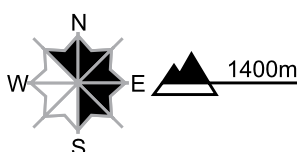
region F

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations

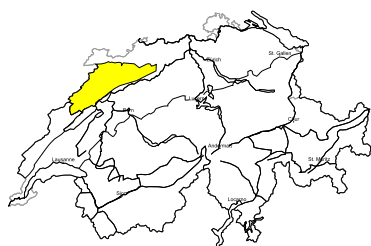


Danger description

The fresh snow and in particular the wind slabs formed by the westerly wind are in some cases prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Mostly these are small. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Backcountry touring and snowshoe hiking call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

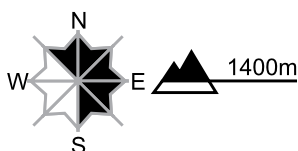
region G

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and wind, wind slabs formed during the night. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. Mostly the avalanches are small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Fresh and drifting snow will be deposited on an old snowpack with a rather favourable surface that has been influenced by the wind in many cases. Weak layers exist deeper in the snowpack, in particular in the inneralpine regions on wind-protected slopes above approximately 2400 m. In view of the fresh snow, isolated avalanches can be released in these layers again in the inneralpine regions of Grisons in particular.

On the northern flank of the Alps, but also in central Grisons and Upper Engadine, in most cases the snow cover is shallower than usual at this time of year. In particular on the northern flank of the Alps, the various winter storm phases have transported all the snow from areas adjacent to ridgelines. In the other regions, the depth of the snow cover is normal for this time of year. Larger amounts of snow than usual are lying in large parts of Valais and northern Ticino.

Observed weather on Monday, 02.03.2020

On Sunday night, precipitation fell in the west in particular. After a brief lull, it was very cloudy during the day. In the morning, precipitation returned from the west and south. The snowfall level was 1000 to 1300 m.

Fresh snow

In the period from Sunday afternoon until Monday afternoon the following amounts of snow fell above approximately 1500 m:

- Lower Valais, southern Valais, southern flank of the Alps: 10 to 30 cm
- Elsewhere: less than 10 cm, remaining largely dry in the northeast

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between -1 °C in the north and -5 °C in the south

Wind

- During the night sometimes strong from the west
- During the day moderate to strong, sometimes storm force on the northern Alpine ridge, from the south; foehn-like wind in the north

Weather forecast through Tuesday, 03.03.2020

During the night, snow will fall over a wide area. The snowfall level will drop quickly to low altitudes. During the day a little further snow will fall in the north and in Grisons. There will be some bright spells in the afternoon in particular. The south will be fairly sunny with a northerly wind.

Fresh snow

From Monday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon the following amounts of snow will fall above approximately 1200 m:

- Northern flank of the Alps, Lower Valais, northern Upper Valais, Grisons, eastern Ticino and Sotto Ceneri: 20 to 30 cm, but as much as 40 cm from the eastern Bernese Oberland to Alpstein and in the Bernina region
- Southern Upper Valais, Valle Maggia, Leventina and Jura: 10 to 20 cm

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between -9 °C in the north and -5 °C in the south

Wind

During the night:

- Strong, at elevated altitudes sometimes storm force, from the northwest
- In the south, strong from the north

Easing significantly during the day

Outlook through Thursday, 05.03.2020

Wednesday

The north will be partly sunny and largely dry. It will be predominantly sunny in the south. During the day the wind will be only light to moderate. It will remain cool.

The avalanche danger will decrease in all regions.

Thursday

In the morning there will be further bright spells in the east, otherwise it will be very cloudy with precipitation in the west and north in particular. The amount of precipitation and the snowfall level remain uncertain. It will be sunny in the far south. The avalanche danger will probably increase in the north and west. It will decrease in the south.