



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 23 02 2020



Wet snow



1800m

The snowpack will be generally well bonded.

In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface. The rather small wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. These can only be released by large loads in most cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep northwest to north to southeast facing slopes, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These places are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

The early morning will see quite favourable conditions generally, but the avalanche danger will increase later. In particular on steep grassy slopes individual small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized natural moist avalanches are possible.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 10: springtime scenario

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. Faceted weak layers exist deep in the snowpack in particular on shady slopes. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The surface of the snowpack will freeze to form a strong crust and will soften during the day. On south and southwest facing slopes a little snow is lying in all altitude zones.

Tendency

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Wind-drifted
 snow



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Snowpack

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Tendency

Temporary increase in danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides as a consequence of warming during the day.