





Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Friday 28 02 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



Treeline

Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of fresh snow and a sometimes strong wind, mostly small wind slabs will form over a wide area. The various wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. The avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep slopes of all aspects, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The wind slabs are in isolated cases prone to triggering.

In many places there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

In some regions up to 5 cm of snow has fallen since yesterday. The fresh wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The surface of the snowpack will freeze to form a strong crust. Individual weak layers exist deep in the snowpack on shady slopes. Below approximately 2000 m only a little snow is lying on south and southwest facing slopes.

Tendency

Slight increase in danger.

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Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.

As a consequence of fresh snow and a strong wind, mostly small wind slabs will form over a wide area. The wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in all aspects above the tree line. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized.

Afternoon: The wind will be storm force over a wide area. As a consequence of the wind the wind slabs will increase in size additionally.

In very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. These avalanche prone locations are very rare and are difficult to recognise.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

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In some regions up to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell. The fresh snow will be deposited on a quite favourable old snowpack. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. As a consequence of the strong wind the wind slabs will increase in size additionally. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack.

Tendency

As a consequence of fresh snow and wind there will be an increase in the danger.

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Wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of fresh snow and strong wind the wind slabs will increase in size additionally. The wind slabs are mostly small. They can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in all aspects above the tree line. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. Weakly bonded old snow: To some extent avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. These avalanche prone locations are very rare and are difficult to recognise. In many places there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

Some snow has fallen in some regions. As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind, further wind slabs will form. In some cases the various wind slabs have bonded still only poorly together. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack.

Tendency

As a consequence of fresh snow and wind there will be an increase in the danger.