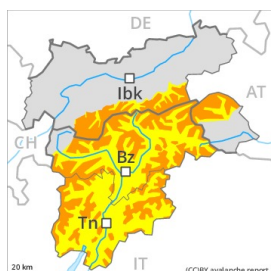




Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

on Thursday 31 12 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



1800m



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New snow and wind slabs require caution.

On wind-loaded slopes a critical avalanche situation will be encountered over a wide area. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily, or in isolated cases naturally, in all aspects. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. In some cases the avalanches are large. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude. Caution and restraint are required.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

20 to 40 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen. As a consequence of a strong wind from southwesterly directions, avalanche prone wind slabs formed in all aspects. Stability tests and field observations confirm this situation. In many cases wind slabs are lying on soft layers, this also applies below the tree line. The fresh wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places at intermediate and high altitudes. In its middle, the snowpack is well consolidated. Towards its base, the snowpack is faceted, especially on shady slopes above the tree line, as well as in all aspects in high Alpine regions.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.