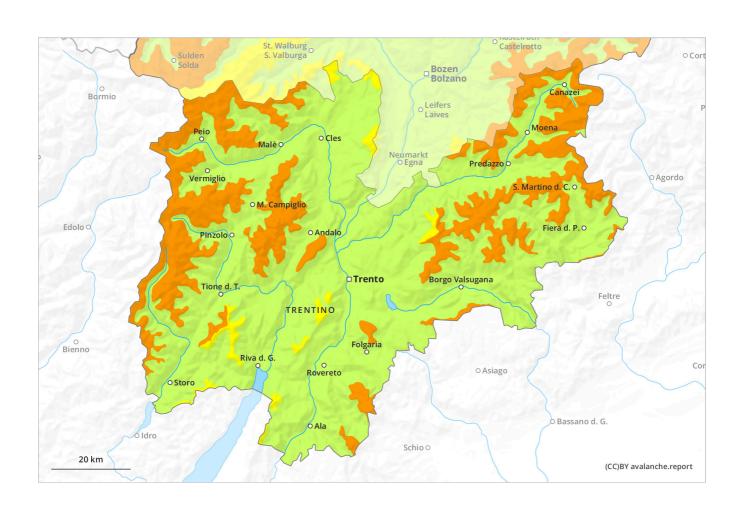
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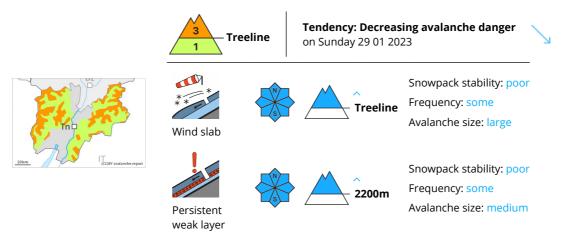








Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for caution and restraint. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow require caution.

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Slopes adjacent to ridgelines are especially unfavourable. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Additionally avalanches can also be released in deep layers. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep, little used shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m. Especially transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack are unfavourable.

Snowpack

 Danger patterns
 dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind
 dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

The sometimes large wind slabs of the last few days are poorly bonded with the old snowpack. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m.

The snowpack remains quite prone to triggering. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

Tendency

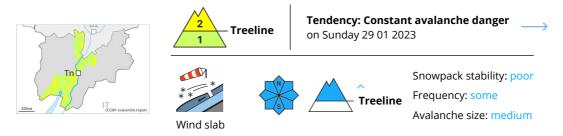
The avalanche danger will decrease gradually.

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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions.

As a consequence of northeasterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed in the last few days in some places. Avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes above the tree line. Caution is to be exercised adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. The mostly small wind slabs are to be bypassed in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind from northeasterly directions, mostly small wind slabs formed. In some cases wind slabs are lying on soft layers.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.