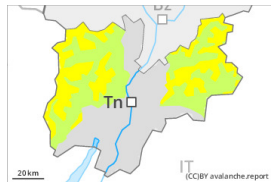




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Thursday 20 04 2023



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Wind slabs represent the main danger.

The somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Avalanches can reach medium size. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The wind slabs are to be bypassed as far as possible. As a consequence of solar radiation only isolated mostly small loose snow avalanches are possible, especially on extremely steep sunny slopes.

Snowpack

In some cases the various wind slabs have bonded still only poorly together, in particular on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m.

In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the old snowpack on very steep shady slopes. The weather conditions will give rise to slight moistening of the snowpack over a wide area below approximately 2200 m.

Tendency

Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and up to 40 cm in some localities, will fall. Increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of the precipitation.



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Thursday 20 04 2023

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable.

The no longer entirely fresh wind slabs can be released in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes, especially at transitions into gullies and bowls. Mostly avalanches are only small. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

The snowpack will be quite well bonded. In isolated cases wind slabs are lying on soft layers, in particular on steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes. At low and intermediate altitudes only a little snow is now lying. Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise in the late morning to slight moistening of the snowpack.

Tendency

New snow above approximately 1500 m. Slight increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of the snowfall.