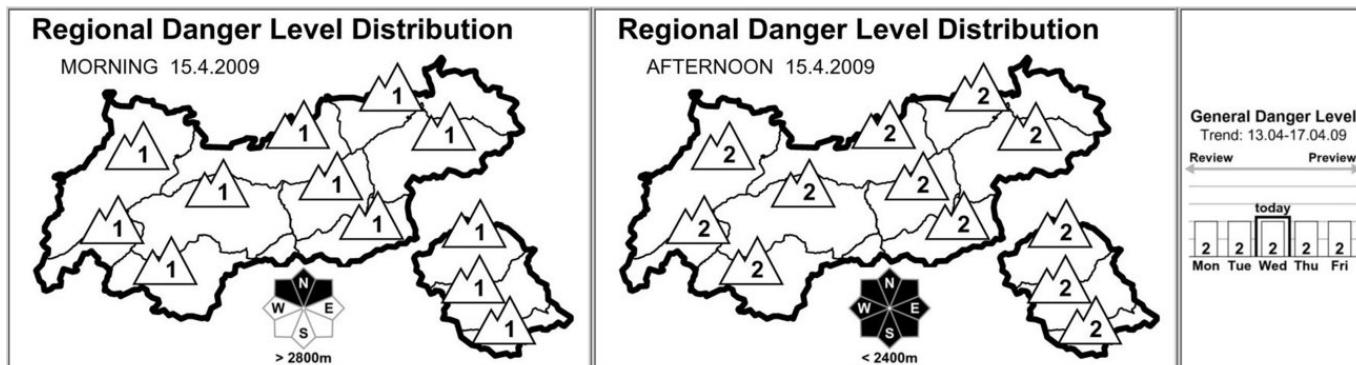


Avalanche Bulletin

of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol

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GOOD BACKCOUNTRY TOURING CONDITIONS IN THE MORNING

AVALANCHE DANGER

During the early morning hours, marvellous conditions prevail in Tyrol's backcountry touring regions, amidst low avalanche danger. Later in the morning, the danger will rise somewhat to moderate widespread. Avalanche prone locations for wet snow avalanches are on steep slopes in all expositions, especially below about 2400 m. Natural avalanches are now rare, full depth snowslides are still possible, however. Isolated avalanche prone locations of dry, slab avalanches are on steep, northwest to north to northeast facing slopes above approximately 2800 m. In typical foehn areas, beware the brisk southerly winds.

SNOW LAYERING

The snowline is rising further with each passing day; at low and intermediate altitudes, the meadows are becoming bare as the spring proceeds. During a generally clear night, when the snowpack's outgoing radiation was adequate, an melt-freeze crust capable of bearing loads formed. But this morning, due to warming and solar radiation, the crust will soften and the snowpack lose its firmness. Avalanche activity has decreased markedly compared to last week.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

General weather conditions: the stable high is ending. From the west, a low is approaching, though it is preceded by foehn winds. From Thursday to Friday, an initial cold front will brush Tyrol, followed by low pressure conditions: variable and cooler than in recent days. Mountain weather today: sunshine will fill the skies, whether for skiing or hiking. Some convective cloud this afternoon, occasional showers in the Dolomites or Carnic Alps are possible. The freezing level will rise to nearly 3000 m. During the day, southerly winds will increase in strength. Temperature at 2000 m: plus 3 to plus 8 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 4 to minus 1 degree.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Good touring conditions tomorrow morning, then conditions will worsen.

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