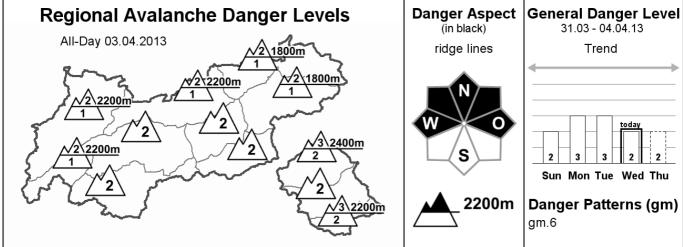
Avalanche Bulletin

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Moderate avalanche danger widespread

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche danger in Tirol's backcountry touring regions is gradually receding, but the danger level is still considerable in some places. Particularly the snowdrift accumulations which formed over the Easter holidays are still brittle to some extent and in isolated cases can be triggered by minimum additional loading. This applies mainly to the regions which had heaviest snowfall along the Main Alpine Ridge and in East Tirol. Avalanche prone locations are to be found particularly in ridgeline areas above approximately 2200 m on west to north to east facing slopes. On sundrenched, steep slopes below about 2400 m, isolated naturally triggered wet sluffs and loose avalanches are possible.

SNOW LAYERING

Snowfall and snowdrift from the most recent spell of precipitation have now settled well with the old snowpack surface on sunny slopes. On shady slopes the process is taking longer: there are small sized, brittle drifted masses deposited atop loose powder snow which can be relatively easily triggered as avalanches. On steep, sunny slopes the surface often has a melt-freeze crust; on shady slopes there is still light, loose powder in wind-protected zones.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather: Tirol lies in the grip of a low over Italy which is bringing moist air masses to the Alps in a northeasterly current. Tomorrow, Thursday, a weak intermediate high will dominate before the next low over Italy retakes the helm. Mountain weather today: The eastern mountain ranges are often shrouded in fog, with high altitude cloudbanks above them, leading to possible light snowfall. Towards the west the cloud is thinner and in the western sector of the Main Alpine Ridge and between Ortler and Brenta there will even be some sunshine. Temperature at 2000 m: minus 4 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 10 degrees. Light winds.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

No significant change in the avalanche situation

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