Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

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Risk estimation until Thursday 04 February 2021 in the evening

Above 2200 m: Significant risk. Below: Limited risk evolving into High risk.



Spontaneousdepartures: slabs of varying size, bottom less than 2000 m.

Triggers for skiers: wet snow and numerous wind slabs at altitude.

Risk indices: 5 very strong - 4 strong - 3 marked - 2 limited - 1 weak - In black: the most dangerous slopes

Snowpack stability

Snowpack packed by rain at less than 2000/2200 m. Unstable plates and accumulations at higher altitudes. Typical situations: wet and heavy snow, and recent windy snow on the high peaks (15/20 cm Wednesday and in the first part of the night in addition to more than 2300 m). -At less than 2000/2200 m: still natural avalanches of wet and heavy snow on the steep slopes not completely purged in all directions, of medium -At tess than 2000/2200 m: still hatural avalanches of wer and heavy show on the steep slopes hot completely purged in an directions, of medium sizes and sometimes quite large, less and less numerous during the night and Thursday morning, but a little more frequent Thursday at midday and in the afternoon (bottom slabs, locally thick below 2000 m, in steep and grassy terrain, especially in the North). -At more than 2200 m: beware of the numerous scattered wind patches, and significant accumulations of recent, slightly wet snow at altitude, under the effect of strong southwest winds, especially Wednesday afternoon and evening, with heavy fragile ledges on certain ridges. Thursday, marked risks of rupture of plates under the skis at more than 2000/2200 m, more or less thick and wide, on steep slopes and below (a few spontaneous ruptures possible Thursday at midday and the afternoon count due to the warmth accentuated by the greenhouse effect under a cloudy sky around



4000 m).

Off-piste snow depth





Snow quality

Good snow cover despite the settling and melting of the snowpack under the effect of warmth, and rain up to 2200 m at the highest. You can put on skis or snowshoes from 800/1000 m depending on the valleys

- Thursday at less than 2200 m: very wet and heavy snow (down to the ground below 2000 m) with a small layer of fresh show on the surface at more than 1600 m difficult to ski (beware of the knees ...). Watch out for the many hardened balls from old avalanches.

At more than 2200 m: thick layer of recent snow accumulated in recent days in the process of settling, very blown and devastated in the vicinity of passes and ridges. Large accumulations and fragile ledges on the ridges.

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