Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

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Risk estimate until Thursday, February 18, 2021 in the evening

Above 2200 m: Significant risk. Below: Limited risk.



Spontaneousdepartures: flows and a few avalanches of wet snow in the afternoon.

Triggers skiers: slabs in the North and wet flows in the sun.

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

Snowpack stability

COAT UNDER STABILIZATION BUT STILL TRAPPED

Typical avalanche situation: humid snow in the south, windy snow at altitude.

- Accidental triggering: the snowpack is well stabilized below 2000/2200 m in the North, and in the southern slopes in the morning. Above 2000/2200 m, especially on cold slopes of a large northern sector, beware of surface patches, scattered around the passes and ridges. These plates are quite unstable, especially since they will sometimes rest on small fragile layers. Be careful also on steep slopes heated by the sun

-Spontaneous departures: Thursday afternoon on steep slopes in the sun, shallow flows of wet snow or even a medium-sized avalanche rarely possible. Above 2400 / 2600m, the risk is lower.



Off-piste snow depth





Snow quality

-The snow cover is good for the season. You can put on skis above 900/1200 m depending on the orientation. Thursday, the snowpack will generally be moist at depth, in particular on the southern slopes, with a thin refreeze crust which is not always buoyant (humidification on the slopes in the afternoon sun). On the northern slopes above 1800/2000 m, 20/40 cm of fairly recent snow, often blown in the vicinity of passes and ridges.

Subsequent risk trend











Saturday 20:



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