Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

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Risk estimate until Thursday, February 25, 2021 in the evening





Spontaneousdepartures:bottom slabs and avalanches of wet snow

Skiers triggering: wet snow + rare slabs in high altitude ubacs

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

Snowpack stability

Ripe snowpack with the heat of the last few days. Typical situations: wet snow, bottom slabs.

Problem N ° 1: some spontaneous bottom slabs possible at any time, size 2 to 3 (medium to large) not only in the sun but also on N slopes around 1800/2000 m (very steep grassy slopes or smooth rocky slabs). Throughout the day, wet snow flows occasionally leave and can increase in the event of a large slope. A skier can also cause such a start in hot hours. Also watch out for large ledges that can give way and roll quite far below.

Problem N ° 2: rare old hard plates, in ubacs higher than 2200/2300 m. Triggering unlikely, but locally a fairly thick break.



Off-piste snow depth



Weather preview				
		Thursday February 25		
	night	morning	afternoon	
	Ċ		, +10 DG at 2000 m.	
Rain snow			, +10 DG at 2000 m.	
ISO 0 ° C	3100 m	3100 m	3000 m	
Wind 2000 m	🏹 10 km / h	🏹 20 km / h	🏹 30 km / h	
Wind 2500 m	🏹 30 km / h	🏹 30 km / h	🏹 40 km / h	

Snow quality

Fairly good snowfall, but in decline with this unusual softness. You can put on your skis around 1000/1100 m in N, 1200/1500 m in S. Quality: the sand emerges almost everywhere, except in the ubacs

sheltered from the winds, where there is still 10/15 cm of white snow on the surface.

Lower than 2000/2200 m: spring snowpack. Poor night-time regel, deep wet snow.

Higher: hard snow in the morning, ice sections near ridges / bumps exposed to winds. It softens on the surface in the afternoon. Thin, brittle crust in ubacs.

Average ski, between sticky snow, old balls and tracks ...

Subsequent risk trend









Saturday 27:



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