Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

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Risk estimate until Saturday, February 27, 2021 in the evening

Above 2200 m: Limited risk. Below: Low risk evolving into Limited risk.



Spontaneousdepartures:Rare base plates. A few heavy avalanches.

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Triggers skiers: Rare hard slabs at altitude. Wet snow in adret.

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

Snowpack stability

In ubac, well stabilized snowpack. In adret, a spring snowpack. Correct night-time freezing above 1800/2000 m, but nothing more ... (cloudy sky this night, but slight cooling compared to the previous days). Typical situations: wet snow, bottom slabs.

SPONTANEOUS DEPARTURES: In very steep adrets, some heavy snow avalanches are possible at hot hours of the day (rather medium size). Rare bottom plate ruptures (creeping) possible at any time, mostly on sunny slopes but sometimes also on northern slopes below 1800/2000 m; medium size, rarely large. Beware of slopes with cracks.

SKIERS RELEASES: In ubacs above 2200/2400 m, maybe a few rare hard and old slabs. Triggering unlikely, but locally a fairly thick breakout possible. Otherwise, in the adrets, with the passage of a skier in the very steep slopes, possible starts of wet snow flows during the hot hours of the day.



Off-piste snow depth





Snow quality

Snow still quite good, but in decline with this unusual softness. You can put on your skis around 1000 in the North, 1500 m in the South.

Lower than 1800/2000 m: spring snowpack. Poor night-time regel, deep wet snow.

Higher: in adrets, hard or crusted snow in the morning, it softens during the day. Sand often visible on the rumps. In the ubacs, still cold snow, but often hard and puffy snow.



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