

Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

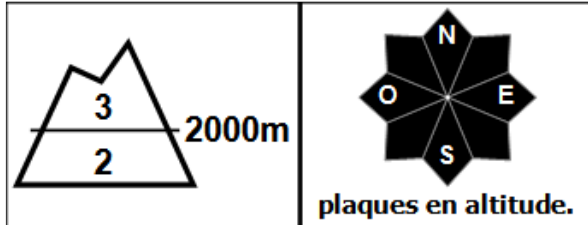
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Risk estimation until Friday,December 25, 2020 in the evening



Above 2000 m: Significant risk. Below: Limited risk.



Spontaneousdepartures: a few flows and ruptures of plates on steep slopes.

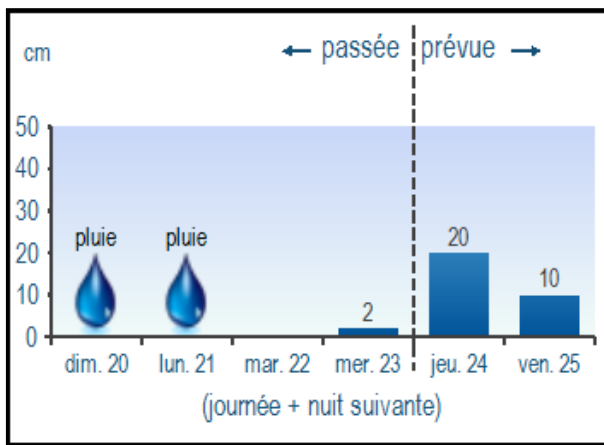
Triggers skiers: plates, more numerous and thicker at altitude.

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

Snowpack stability

-Plates and accumulations more and more frequent until Friday, in particular above 2000 m.
 -Typical avalanche situation: windy snow, and persistent fragile under layer at altitude above approximately 2200 m, except on southern slopes.
 - Spontaneous departures: in these winter conditions on Friday, a few flows and avalanches of surface slabs could naturally start on steep, thicker and wider slopes above 2200 m.
 -Accidental triggers: at less than 2000/2200 m, some fresh snow flows will be possible under the skis on steep slopes, and also a few ruptures of the surface plates here and there. Above 2200 m, the snowpack will remain tricky due to the presence of fragile sub-layers in many places, except on the southern slopes. Suddenly, at more than 2200 m approximately, the risk of triggering much thicker plates and sometimes even over a large width, will be very marked on steep slopes and below.

Fresh snow at 1800 m



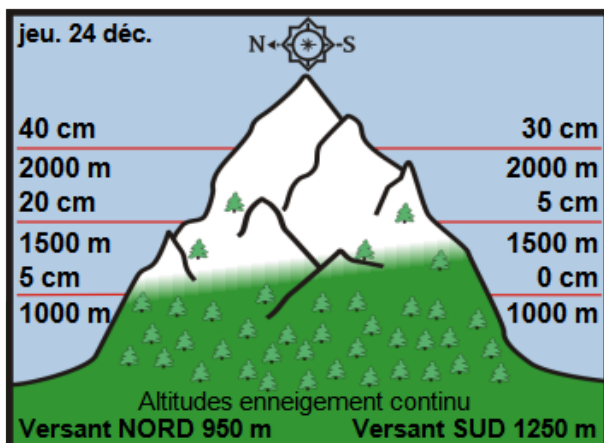
Weather preview

Friday 25 December



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| Rain snow | 600 m | 400 m | 400 m |
| ISO 0 ° C | 1000 m | 700 m | 700 m |
| Wind 2000 m | ↓ 30 km / h | ↓ 40 km / h | ↙ 60 km / h |
| Wind 2500 m | ↙ 30 km / h | ↓ 40 km / h | ↙ 60 km / h |

Off-piste snow depth



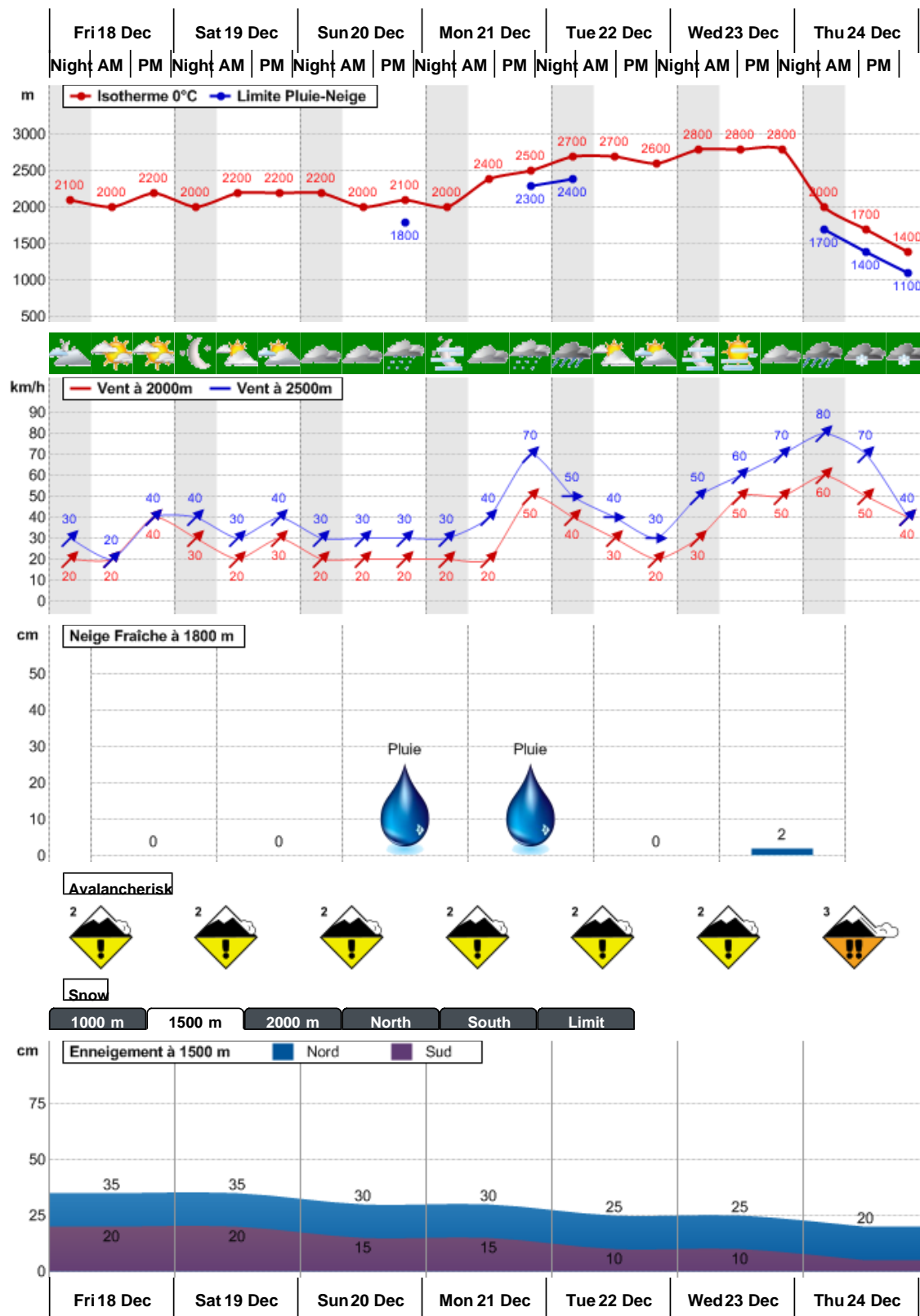
Snow quality

Shallow snowpack at the bottom of the valley, but improving until Friday with the arrival of blown snowfall. You can put on old skis or snowshoes around 1100/1400 m depending on the orientation, but beware of stones on the descent, especially in adrets (even at high altitude). Quality: nice layer of fresh and cold snow on Friday, often blown to the surface in exposed areas, especially on bumps and in the vicinity of passes and ridges. Above 1500 m, accumulations of fresh snow close to 30 cm on average for next night and Friday during the day, but with great variation in thickness given the increasingly sustained north to northeast winds (snow drifts frequent at altitude).

Subsequent risk trend



Nivo-weather conditions of the last 7 days



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