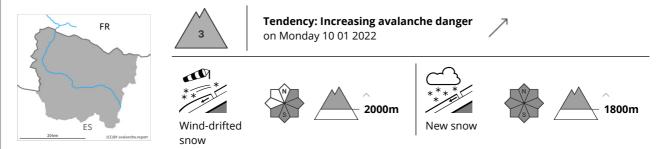




Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Gradual increase in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of new snow and strong wind. The peak danger point will be reached towards the evening. New snow and wind slabs are to be assessed with care and prudence.

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases quite large and to be assessed critically. These can in many places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep northeast, east and south facing slopes above approximately 2000 m, and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. These places are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

The new snow can be released by a single winter sport participant in all aspects below the tree line. Sometimes the avalanches in these loacations are medium-sized.

Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Over a wide area 20 to 30 cm of snow fell in the last four days above approximately 1500 m. 20 to 25 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall until the evening. The northwesterly wind will transport the fresh and old snow significantly. In many cases new snow and wind slabs are lying on the smooth surface of an old snowpack.

Tendency

Rapid increase in danger of dry and moist avalanches as the precipitation becomes more intense. During the course of the night danger level 4 (high) will be reached.