



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Tuesday 05 01 2021



Wind-drifted
snow



Treeline



New snow



Treeline

New snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.

On wind-loaded slopes a critical avalanche situation will be encountered in some regions. As a consequence of new snow and a strong wind from southeasterly directions, avalanche prone wind slabs formed in the last two days in all aspects. They can be released easily in all aspects. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Mostly the avalanches are medium-sized but in many cases easily released. Even single backcountry tourers can release avalanches in many places, including large ones, caution is to be exercised on steep slopes also below the tree line. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Caution and restraint are required.

Snowpack

The southerly wind has transported the fresh and old snow. The new snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers in all aspects and in all altitude zones. Towards its base, the snowpack is well consolidated. Stability tests and field observations confirm this situation. The weather conditions will prevent a rapid change towards better conditions.

Tendency

A sometimes critical avalanche situation will prevail.