

SNOW AND AVALANCHE BULLETIN

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Avalanche danger forecast for Saturday 1/25/2020

AVALANCHE DANGER

A few drifted snow on hard/marble old surface

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Snowpack stable. The danger of slipping is higher than that of being involved in a avalanche. Crampons and ski-crampons are recommended
<style size="8.5" isBold="true" pdfFontName="arialbd.ttf" pdfEncoding="Identity-H" isPdfEmbedded="false">Triggered avalanches</style>: especially along the border ridges there are few small accumulations, on the E and N exposures, above 2600-2800 m. They are generally stable but it is not excluded that, on very steep/extreme slopes near ridges and at the entrance to canals, small slabs may be triggered just under the skis, and then widen collecting more snow whose sliding is favored by the presence of a very hard snow.
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GENERAL CONDITION updated at 1/24/2020

Snow cover and Snowpack

Due to the long period without big snowfall, the snowcover locally starts to be scarce, it starts to be good over 2000 m. In the lateral valleys snow cover continue above 1700-1900 m at south, above 1300-1500 m at north. In the central area of the Region snow cover level is higher. Uprising in altitude, there are eroded areas especially above 2800 m, close to bumps and ridges. Stable snowpack.

Observed avalanches (last 24h): no one.

Skiing conditions: not so good.

Many slopes with hard snow from wind (N-NW) or from refreezing (steep S-SW): technically difficult uphill. The snow changes in a small space: old tracks, sastrugi, even non-load-bearing crust, etc. Some areas with soft snow (faceted crystals) in the cold slopes sheltered from the wind (NE-N-NW). Stones outcropping near ridges and hills.

TYPICAL AVALANCHE PROBLEMS

WIND-

DRIFTED

SNOW



















NEW SNOW

PERSISTENT WEAK LAYERS

WET SNOW

GLIDING SNOW

IN BLACK: THE MORE CRITICAL ASPECTS AND ELEVATIONS

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