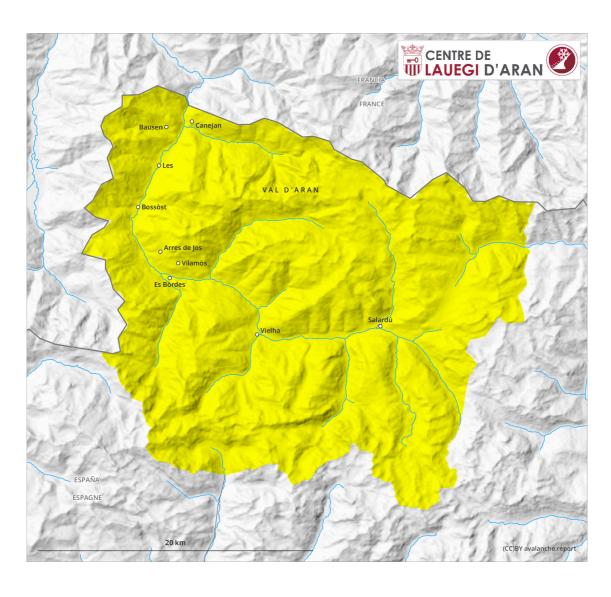
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Danger Level 2 - Moderate





Tendency: Constant avalanche danger on Saturday 21 December 2024









Snowpack stability: poor Frequency: some Avalanche size: medium

Wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong northwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form during the course of the night in particular adjacent to ridgelines on north, northeast and southeast facing slopes. The fresh and older wind slabs can be released easily by a single winter sport participant above the tree line. In many cases Explanation: "these" may only stand for "these avalanches" are medium-sized.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

10 to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall during the night above approximately 1200 m. As a consequence of the occasionally storm force northwesterly wind, fresh snow drift accumulations will form. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs will be deposited on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes above approximately 2000 m.

Above the tree line there are 50 to 80 cm of snow. In particular at high altitude snow depths vary greatly, depending on the infuence of the wind.

Tendency

Saturday: Slight increase in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of new snow and wind.