

SNOW WATCH



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PICK OF THE WEEK It's been a powder-fest in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (right), this week, with more than one metre of snow.

SUMMARY The intense cold has been replaced by much milder weather across the Alps. But excellent conditions continue for most resorts, with only the Dolomites still below par – particularly off-piste. There's good news across the pond where, after a slow start to the season, conditions are vastly improved in Colorado.

FORECAST A few showers

may graze the north-eastern Alps this weekend but most areas will remain dry and mild with plenty of sunshine.

RESORT FOCUS

Austria's vintage season continues despite the rise in temperature. Arlberg resorts such as **Lech** (165-380cm) still lead the way but conditions remain excellent in low-lying **Söll** (100-280cm) despite the threat of slush on the lowest slopes. Snow cover remains excellent across the French Alps, not least in near-perfect **Val Thorens** (150-270cm). No complaints down in **La Clusaz**, either



(80-320cm), though a little slush is possible in the blazing sunshine forecast for much of next week. Italy has not had the vintage

season of the northern Alps but you wouldn't know it in **Cervinia** (70-260cm), where slopes remain in great shape. Snow has improved conditions in the Dolomites but the skiing is mostly on-piste in **Selva** (60-90cm). There are no such worries in Switzerland, where snow levels remain exceptional, especially in northern resorts such as **Engelberg** (80-540cm) and **Mürren** (170-367cm).