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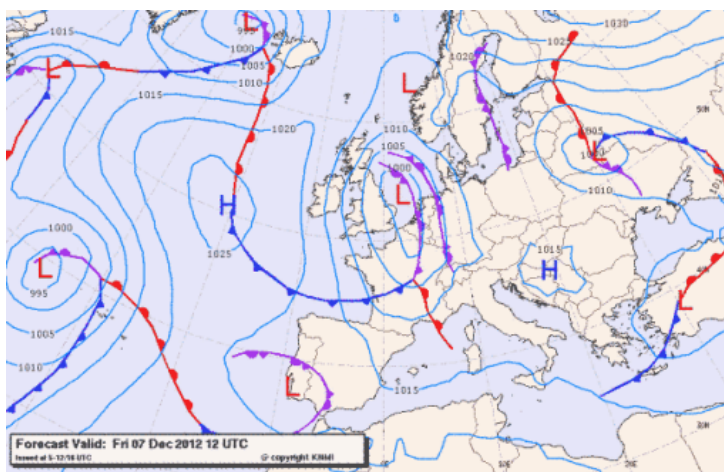
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Snow forecast - Thursday 6 December 2012

Europe

The northern Alps have seen a lot of snow this week, with well over 1 metre in parts of the north-west. Today some snow is still falling in the eastern Alps but most regions are enjoying something of a reprieve before the next big storm arrives tomorrow. This storm will again deliver its heaviest snow in the north-western Alps (especially France) where the avalanche risk could reach 5/5 on Saturday morning.



Further active weather fronts will reach approach the Alps tomorrow - www.knmi.nl

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Snow flurries will persist over parts of the northern and western Austrian Alps this afternoon. Elsewhere it will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Tomorrow (**Friday**) will see cloud thicken up in western parts with a little snow likely later. However, further east it will remain dry with bright or sunny spells, particularly early on. It will remain cold with temperatures below freezing at all levels. Snow showers are expected across all parts on **Saturday** though accumulations will not be as significant as in the western Alps. It will remain very cold – as it will on **Sunday** when it will become drier and brighter again.



Still a few snow showers in Kitzbühel, Austria today - www.kitz.net






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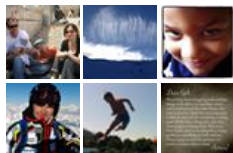
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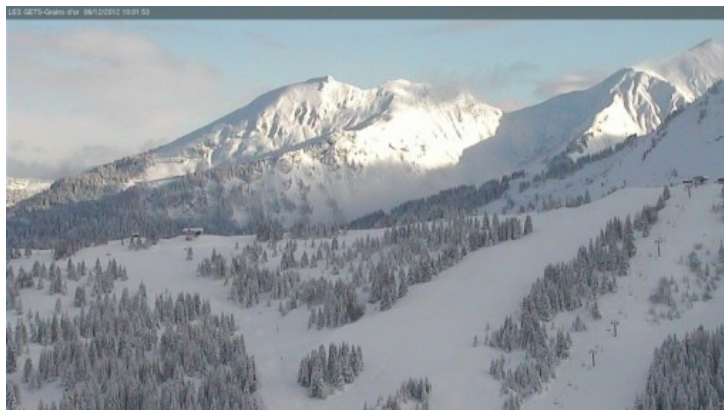
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France

This afternoon will be cold but mostly dry with sunny spells and just the odd isolated snow flurry. Tomorrow (**Friday**) will be cloudy from the outset with snow spreading to all areas, heaviest in the northern Alps where an additional 30-60cm is possible by Saturday morning. It will remain cold with a very low rain/snow limit. **Saturday** will see a distinct north/south split caused by a strong northerly wind. The northern Alps will see a few snow showers, especially early on but it should gradually brighten up later. The southern Alps should be bright or sunny all day but it will remain very cold everywhere. **Sunday** will continue cold but it should be dry with plenty of sunshine.



Temporary reprieve in the weather today in Les Gets - www.lesgets.com

Italy

The rest of today will be cold but mostly bright with sunny spells and just isolated snow flurries. Tomorrow (**Friday**) will see cloud thickening up to bring some snow to most Italian resorts, heaviest in the far north-west close to the French border (Aosta Valley), lighter and patchier further east (Dolomites). The odd snow flurry is still possible close to the border regions on **Saturday** but most places will be dry with plenty of sunshine. It will be very cold, however, and will remain cold on **Sunday** when further fine weather is expected.

Switzerland

Snow flurries may persist across eastern Switzerland this afternoon but most places will stay dry but cold with sunny spells. Tomorrow (**Friday**) will see snow spreading to most parts during the day, heaviest in the west (where 20-40cm is possible in some parts by Saturday morning) and patchier in the east. It will remain cold with the rain/snow limit always under 600m.

Saturday will see further snow showers across the northern Alps but these will die away further south where some sunshine is expected. It will be cold and windy everywhere. **Sunday** will be cold but mostly dry with sunny spells.

Outlook:

It will remain wintry most of next week with very cold temperatures and further snow at times, particularly in the northern Alps on Monday.

North America

In the USA, all eyes are on Colorado where it is turning colder and some much needed snow is forecast this weekend. Snow is also forecast for Utah (**Snowbird, Alta**) and Wyoming (**Jackson Hole**) but the Californian resorts (**Mammoth, Heavenly**) will miss out this time.

The next few days will see further mostly light snow flurries across the western Canadian resorts with a more prolonged spell of snow spreading from the west on Sunday.

Next detailed forecast on Monday 10 December, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates.