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Snow forecast - Thursday 13 December 2012

Europe

It's all change in the Alps as milder Atlantic winds start to take hold. This will bring more snow for some over the next few days but at higher altitudes that we have been used to lately.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

It will remain cold and bright for most of Austria today (Thursday) with temperatures still struggling to get above freezing. It will turn milder but very windy (Foehn) on **Friday** with thicker cloud in the south and west. It is expected to remain dry, however, with the best of any brightness further north and east. Saturday will be generally cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (1200m approx). Sunday will be a little cooler again with some bright spells, but also some showers, heaviest in the west with snow above 800-1000m.



Still cold and bright in Austria today - www.skiarlberg.at

France

It's already cloudy across most of the French Alps with showers in the south and west spreading slowly north and east. Some snow is likely above 700m (rising to 1000m later) but only in the southern Alps is it likely to amount to very much. Further north any snow will be mostly light and patchy. Friday will be milder still with showers from the outset in the southern Alps as well as some western foothills. Further into the Alpine interior the Foehn wind will keep some places dry for a time, but everywhere is expected to see some rain by the evening with snow above 1400m then 1800m later. It will be very windy, especially at altitude. The bad weather will continue into Saturday and **Sunday** with further snow at times, mostly in the northern Alps and above 1600-1800m (1200-1400m later). The best of any brightness is most likely further south.



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Italy

Western Italian resorts will be mostly cloudy today with a few snow flurries (still to low altitude). **Friday** will see further snow showers, especially early and later in the day with drier interludes in between. The rain/snow limit will slowly rise to 800-1000 by Friday night. It will continue mostly cloudy on **Saturday** and **Sunday** with further snow at times (1400m) heaviest close to the French border, and lighter and patchier further east.

Eastern Italian resorts will remain cold and mostly bright today (**Thursday**). Friday will be cloudier with snow at times – still to low levels. Further showers are possible on **Saturday** (snow 1200-1400m) but these should die out later and **Sunday** is expected to be mostly dry with sunny spells.



Clouding over in western Italy too ... - www.regione.vda.it

Switzerland

It will remain mostly dry today (and still chilly) but with increasing amounts of cloud in the west where a few showers are possible later (snow 600m rising later). The best of any sunshine will be in the east of the country. **Friday** will start very cloudy in the far south and west with a few showers (snow still to low altitudes at first). It will then become drier for a time before showers return in the evening and spread to all parts later. The rain/snow limit will remain low for a time in some sheltered valleys but will rise to 1400m or so in most places overnight – higher in exposed parts of the northern and western Alps. For much of the day central and eastern Switzerland will remain dry but will be very windy (strong Foehn). **Saturday** and **Sunday** will be very unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain/snow at times, heaviest in the west with a rain/snow limit between 1400-1700m.

Outlook:

It is likely to remain unsettled in the first part of next week with further snow (800-1200m) in places. Brighter, drier weather will then follow mid-week.

North America

It has been snowing recently in California's Lake Tahoe resorts and the same system is expected to deliver up to 40cm of snow in the next 24hrs to the **Arizona Snowbowl**, New Mexico (**Taos**) and SW Colorado (**Wolf Creek**, **Telluride**). The snow will be lighter in northern Colorado (e.g. **Vail**) but there is more in the forecast next week – as there is for many other parts of the western US.

The unsettled theme continues in **Whistler** where snow is expected on Saturday and again on Sunday night/Monday. Friday and Sunday (day) will be drier with some sunshine. Further inland, **Banff/Lake Louise** are also expecting occasional flurries over the next few days, but here it will be much colder with temperatures well below freezing, even by day.

Next detailed forecast on Monday 17 December, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates