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### Snow forecast - Monday 17 December 2012

It's an unsettled start to the week with lots of snow showers across the western Alps. Generally speaking, the eastern Alps will see fewer showers and large swathes of the southern Alps will remain completely dry. It will become quieter everywhere for a time mid-week before further weather fronts approach from the west on Thursday.

#### **Detailed forecast:**

#### Austria

The rest of today (Monday) and tonight will see showers or longer spells of snow (1000m) for the western Tirol and Vorarlberg (St Anton, Lech) where 20-30cm is possible. Further east there will fewer (if any) showers and some clear spells.

There will be little change on **Tuesday**, except that the showers are expected to become a little more widespread and the rain/snow limit will sink to about 600-800m. However, the heaviest snow is again expected to fall in the far west of the Austrian Alps where an additional 20-30cm is possible.

A few more flurries are possible to low levels almost anywhere on Wednesday, but no significant snow is expected and some places will stay dry. Thursday is likely to start bright, but cloud will thicken from the west later, with bad weather forecast again on Friday.



The Vorarlberg is one of the few parts of Austria likely to see any significant snow early this week - www.skiarlberg.at

#### France

The rest of today (Monday) and tonight will see showers or longer spells of snow (800m) across the northern French Alps, heavy at times with an additional 30cm+ possible for some by morning. The southern Alps will see fewer showers with clear skies in the far south.

Tuesday will remain mostly cloudy across the northern Alps with further snow showers (600m) especially in the morning, easing off a little later. 10-20cm more snow is likely for most (a bit more in places). The southern Alps will again miss the heaviest falls with some sunshine in the far south.

Wednesday will be the best weather day in the French Alps – dry for most with sunny spells. Thursday will start dry and bright, too, but cloud will thicken up in the afternoon with some rain (snow 1500m) possible late in the day. It will turn a little colder again on **Friday** with the risk of further showers or longer spells of snow (1000m) for all regions.





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Dumping again in Les Gets this afternoon (Monday) - www.lesgets,com

#### Italy

Some snow showers will make it across the French border into the western Aosta Valley (**La Thuile, Courmayeur**) this afternoon (**Monday**) and overnight, otherwise many Italian resorts will be dry with clear spells. There will be little change on **Tuesday** with the threat of snow showers continuing in the far western Aosta Valley. Otherwise, most other areas will remain dry with bright sunny spells.

By **Wednesday** everywhere should be dry with lots of sunshine. **Thursday** will remain dry and bright in the eastern Italian Alps, but cloud will thicken up later in the west with some snow likely above 1000m. **Friday** will be generally much more unsettled with the risk of showers or longer spells of snow (700-1200m).



Bright skies over Champoluc today (Monday) as with many Italian resorts www.regione.vda.it

### Switzerland

The rest of today (**Monday**) and tonight will see snow showers (800-1000m) across the western Swiss Alps where an additional 10-30cm is likely. Eastern areas will see few showers - especially the far south-east where there will be clear spells.

There will be little change in the weather on **Tuesday** except that snow showers (600m) may become a little more widespread with an additional 10-30cm likely. However, the far south-east (e.g. **St Moritz**) will again miss the heaviest falls.

**Wednesday** will be mostly dry right across the Swiss Alps with sunny spells. **Thursday** should also start bright (and remain bright in the east), but cloud will thicken further west with a little snow (1500m) possible in the far southwest later. **Friday** will be more unsettled with the chance of snow showers (1000m) almost anywhere.



Further snowfalls in western Switzerland. This is La Fouly, not far from Verbier.

## Outlook:

It looks like remaining unsettled over the weekend, with further snow in places, especially at altitude. However, fluctuating temperatures also mean that some rain is likely lower down - particularly in the west.

Next detailed forecast on Thursday 20 December, but see  $\underline{\text{Today in the}}$  Alps for daily updates

