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### Snow report - Friday 11 January 2013

Winter is back - with a vengeance across the northern Alps where there has been a significant fall of snow, and it's still snowing this morning. With some exceptions, the southern Alps have again missed out, but the cold spell is set to stay and their turn will come soon.

#### Austria

There is lots of fresh snow in the west of the country - 35 cm for **Lech** where the settled snow depths are 115/235cm depending on altitude. It's also snowing heavily in nearby **St Anton** where training for this weekend's women's downhill has had to be cancelled. Further east, many lower resorts were affected by rain last week, but conditions are improving once more in Kitzbühel (35/130cm) where some snow is also expected today.



Lots of new snow in Lech this morning – less in the eastern Austrian Alps - Photo: www.ski-arlberg.at

# **France**

20-40cm of snow has fallen overnight in the northern French Alps where conditions are once again fabulous at all levels. It's still chucking it down this morning in  ${f Avoriaz}$  (205/215cm) which boasts the deepest resort level snow depths in France. Further south, Alpe d'Huez (145/250cm) also has lots of fresh snow (30cm), but resorts in the far south such as Isola 2000 (105/155cm) have missed out for now.



30cm of fresh for Les Saisies first thing this morning and still dumping it down - Photo:





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#### Italy

Resorts of the far north-west – e.g. **Courmayeur** (75/160cm) and **Cervinia** (75/235cm) have seen some overnight snow and are offering excellent skiing right now. Further east, **Livigno** (45/165cm) and **Selva** (25/80cm) haven't seen any significant snow for some time, and some lower slopes are a bit hard and icy. The good news is that decent snowfalls are expected in these parts early next week.



Only a dusting at best for eastern Italian resorts (including Livigno, pictured), but they are due some proper snow early next week - Photo: www.valtline.it

#### **Switzerland**

Most Swiss resorts are in excellent shape thanks to overnight snowfalls, which have been heaviest in the northern and western Alps. **Zermatt** (55/200cm), **Verbier** (75/240cm) and **Wengen** (50/130cm) all have about 20-40cm to play in and it's still snowing this morning. In the far south-east, however, **St Moritz** (35/125cm) has again missed out.



20cm of new snow in Zermatt first thing this morning - www.zermatt-apartment.ch

# **Rest of Europe**

There hasn't been any significant snow for some time in Andorra, but most pistes are holding up reasonably well. It's sunny again in **Soldeu** (30/60cm) today, but snow is expected this weekend. Decent early season conditions continue in Norway where most of **Hemsedal**'s 48 runs are open and the snow is 85cm deep up top.

Bulgaria is also offering steady rather than spectacular conditions, with 70/120cm for **Borovets**. Skiing in Scotland is limited to a couple of runs on **Cairngorm** (5/35cm) but, with colder and potentially snowier weather on the way, there is hope that other resorts may be able to reopen soon.



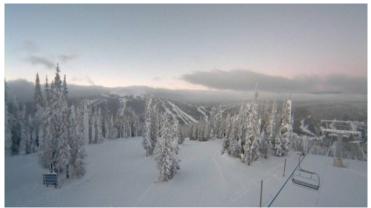
The recent thaw has left just a couple of runs open in Cairngorm, where more snow is urgently needed - Photo: www.winterhighland.info

#### USA

There has been 20cm of fresh snow in **Mammoth** (California) which, with 488cm, continues to boast the deepest upper snow pack in the US. Utah (e.g. **Park City**), Wyoming (e.g. **Jackson Hole**) and Montana (e.g. **Big Sky**) have also seen significant fresh snow, but many Colorado resorts continue to endure a frustrating season. On piste, the likes of **Vail** (51cm mid-mountain) and **Breckenridge** (74cm) continue to offer excellent conditions, but off-piste there has been a distinct lack of powder days. The good news is that some snow is expected across most of Colorado in the next couple of days.

## Canada

There has been 48cm of snow in the last 2 days in **Whistler** where the midmountain base is now 211cm. Conditions are therefore superb from top to bottom, and temperatures are now well below 0°C, even at valley level. It's cold in **Banff/Lake Louise** too (-13°C forecast today) with bright skies and 105/158cm of settled snow depending on the area.



Fantastic conditions continue in western Canada. This is Sun Peaks, British Columbia - Photo: www.sunpeaksresort.com

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