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### Snow report - Wednesday 30 January 2013

Snow cover is still excellent across most of the Alps. However, with the milder weather this week, snow quality is more variable. Generally speaking the most consistent snow conditions are at altitude in the central and southern Alps, the most variable conditions in the lower resorts of the northern Alps where there has been some rain.

#### Austria

Conditions are highly variable due to milder temperatures and a recent mix of rain and snow. The best conditions are at altitude in **Obertauern** (180/220cm) and **Obergurgl** (95/125cm) where there is some fresh snow.

Lower down, however, **Kitzbühel** (40/140cm) and **Söll** (55/125cm) have seen some rain and, although there is still plenty of snow, many pistes are wet and slushy. The good news is that much colder, snowier weather is expected over the weekend.



Overnight rain has cleared to leave a bright but very mild day across much of Austria. This is Kitzbühel - Photo: www.kitz.net

#### France

There has been a dusting of fresh snow at altitude across the northern Alps, including in **Val Thorens** (130/250cm) where conditions are excellent at all levels. The going is heavier in lower lying **Morzine** (95/260cm) where there has been a little rain, but snow cover here is still well above par.

Tuesday's light rain/snow didn't make it to the southern French Alps where **Serre Chevalier** (90/195cm) and **Isola 2000** (170/255cm) continue to offer excellent skiing under largely sunny skies. Colder weather is forecast this weekend, with heavy snow in the northern Alps.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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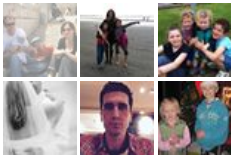
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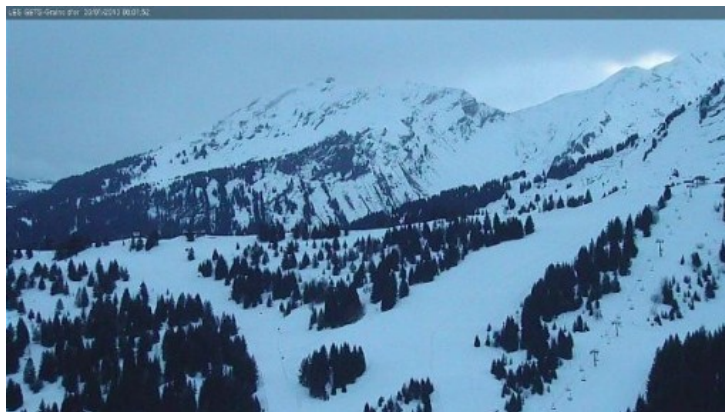
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There has been a bit of rain in the Portes du Soleil but the damage to the ample snow pack has been minimal - Photo: [www.lesgets.com](http://www.lesgets.com)

## Italy

The Italian Alps have also turned milder but with little or no recent rain, and snow conditions are more consistent than on the northern side of the Alps. **Courmayeur** (75/175cm) is skiing as well as anywhere, but conditions are also good in the Dolomite resorts of **Arabba** (78/172cm) and **Cortina** (40/150cm). Colder weather is expected this weekend, with a little snow in places.



The most consistent snow conditions right now are in high resorts on the southern side of the Alps. This is Livigno - Photo: [www.valtline.it](http://www.valtline.it)

## Switzerland

Snow cover remains excellent in most Swiss resorts, but mild temperatures and rain have temporarily affected the snow quality on some lower slopes, especially in the north. **Engelberg** (55/395cm) is one resort that has seen rain at resort level, but there is fresh snow higher up so conditions are very mixed.

Further south, conditions are more consistent in **St Moritz** (35/175cm) where good skiing is reported at all levels. Colder weather is expected this weekend, with snow in places, heaviest in the northern Alps.



Fresh snow at altitude in Laax today but there has been some rain lower down. This is the Vorab glacier - Photo: [www.laax.com](http://www.laax.com)

## Rest of Europe

Temperatures are on the rise in the Pyrenees but snow depths are still

impressive in Andorra's **Arcalis** (200/270cm) where all pistes are in excellent condition. In Bulgaria, **Bansko** (80/180cm) is skiing well at all levels and it's good news also for Sweden's **Åre** (40/70) where 10-15cm of new snow has freshened up the pistes.



Excellent snow cover in the Pyrenees. This is Soldeu - Photo: [www.grandvalira.com](http://www.grandvalira.com)

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## USA

Lots of new snow has fallen in the Rockies - especially welcome in Colorado where many resorts have been below par to date. **Vail** (80cm mid-mountain) has seen at least 25cm of fresh in the last 24hrs with plenty more on the way.

There has also been new snow for **Jackson Hole** (Wyoming) where the mid-mountain base is 175cm and for **Mammoth** (California) which continues to boast the highest upper snow depths in the US with 493cm.

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## Canada

**Whistler's** excellent season continues with a dusting of new snow and mid-mountain depths of 187cm. There are great conditions further inland too, where there is 10cm of new snow in **Revelstoke** and the upper base is 191cm deep.



Further light snow in Lake Louise yesterday - Photo: [www.skilouise.com](http://www.skilouise.com)

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**Next full snow report on Friday 1 February, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**