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Snow report - Wednesday 20 March 2013

Conditions in the Alps are superb for mid-March with low temperatures and fresh snow across the board. The deepest powder is at altitude in the southern French and western Italian Alps (e.g. ${\bf Serre\ Chevalier}, {\bf La\ Thuile}).$ It will turn a little milder later in the week but there is no real sign of spring for the time being – good news for most Easter skiers!

Austria

It has snowed across most Austrian resorts in the last day or two with the heaviest falls in the west. Lech (125/250cm) has about 30cm of powder and is skiing as well as anywhere right now, but lower lying resorts such as **Zell** am See (35/155cm) and Alpbach (50/125cm) are also in great condition for the time of year.



Fantastic March snow conditions in Lech - Photo: www.ski-arlberg.at

France

French resorts have seen lots of new snow this week, with some extraordinary falls in the southern Alps. Serre Chevalier, for example, picked up 1.25m in just 36hrs, one of its biggest storms in recent memory. Further west, Alpe d'Huez (215/420cm) has also been dumped on and now has the deepest upper base in France.



Masses of snow in the French Alps, with further flurries expected today. This is Champagny en Vanoise.



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Italy

Italy is also skiing superbly with new snow in all resorts over the last few days. The heaviest snow was in the west where **La Thuile** (50/300cm) saw as much as 80cm. Resorts further east also got in on the action with 40-50cm in many Dolomite resorts including **Cortina** (50/200cm) where conditions are fabulous for the time of year.



Great conditions in the Italian Milky Way today – even if it is a little cloudy. This is Claviere - Photo: www.claviere.com

Switzerland

There is fresh snow in all Swiss resorts with the deepest falls in the far west. **Villars** (40/200cm) can sometimes begin to struggle at this time of year, but is in mint condition right now with soft powdery snow at all levels. On the other side of the country, **St Moritz** (30/150cm) has also seen plenty of snow and is in superb shape as Easter draws near.



No issues with snow cover in Bettmeralp in the upper Valais - Photo: www.bettmeralp.com

Rest of Europe

Andorra remains in excellent shape (along with the rest of the Pyrenees) with fresh snow in **Soldeu** (150/220cm). By contrast, there has been no significant snow for a month in some Bulgarian resorts but, on-piste at least, conditions are still alright in **Borovets** (70/150cm). Not a huge amount of new snow either for Sweden's premier resort, \ref{Are} (65/115cm), but here too conditions are still generally pretty good.



Snowing again in the Pyrenees! This is the Grand Tourmalet area which has had record breaking snowfalls this season.

USA

Colorado's stronger second half of the season continues with fresh snow and good conditions in most resorts including **Breckenridge** where the midmountain base is 163cm deep. There's been a little new snow further north in **Jackson Hole** (Wyoming) too where there is almost 2m up top. Here the runs are in excellent shape but the legendary off-piste is more variable.

Canada

The skiing remains good in **Whistler** with powdery conditions at altitude and a mid-mountain base of 258cm. There's been fresh snow too for **Banff/Lake Louise** (215cm upper base) which continue to enjoy one of the best seasons in recent times.



Plenty of snow in Fernie! - Photo: www.skifernie.com

Next full snow report on Friday 22 March, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates