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### Snow report - Friday 29 March 2013

Conditions remain very good for the time of year, particularly at altitude where there is plenty of fresh snow, the deepest of which is in the western Alps. It has not been especially cold, however, so snow quality is more variable lower down. For the most consistent snow conditions, stay above 2000m if you can.

#### Austria

Austria has missed out on the heaviest of the recent snow and has the most variable conditions in the Alps right now. Above 2000m it still feels like winter which is great news for resorts where most of the skiing takes place above this altitude, such as **Obergurgl** (80/206cm) and **Ischgl** (30/150cm). However, lower-lying resorts such as **Kitzbühel** (55/155cm) are in full spring mode, despite excellent cover on north-facing slopes.

PANORAMIC SCAPPALEGG 1880m - Richtung Kitzbühel - Foto: Mar 29 14:04:02 2013



Looking very spring-like in Kitzbühel now, but there is still masses of snow on north-facing slopes, particularly at altitude - Photo: www.kitz.net

#### France

There is a lot of fresh snow at altitude right now in both the northern and the southern Alps. **weathertoski.co.uk** is currently in **Val d'Isère** (140/302cm) where there is at least 30cm of powder at 2500m with more falling today. On-piste the snow quality is excellent, but it is not particularly cold (freezing level 1800m) so off-piste conditions are still quite heavy lower down.

Not surprisingly snow quality in resorts such as **Megève** (70/150cm) is highly variable (here there has been rain at resort level) but higher up the pistes are also in good shape.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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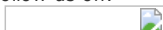
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10h

Colder with some snow in the far eastern Alps. Mostly fine elsewhere

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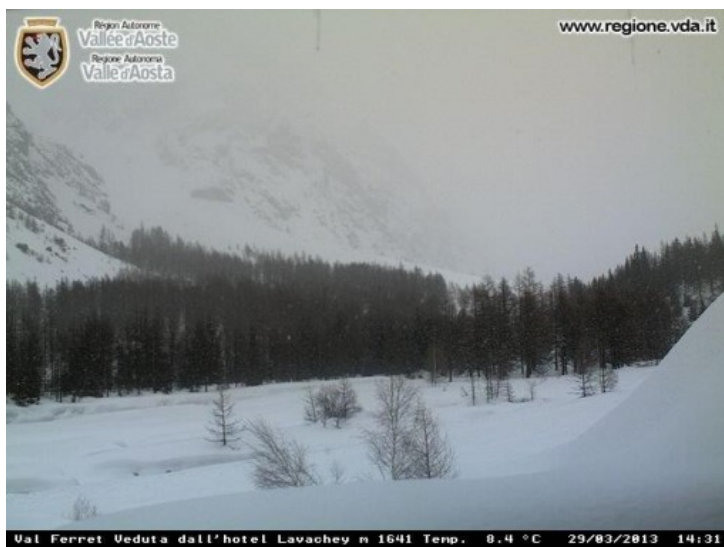
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Snowing again today in Val d'Isère - Photo: [weathertoski.co.uk](http://weathertoski.co.uk)

## Italy

Western Italy has some of the best conditions in the Alps right now with huge snowfalls yesterday in **Courmayeur** (90/230cm) and yet more snow at all levels today. Further east, **Arabba** (132/222cm) has also seen fresh snow and is in great shape for the time of year.



More snow in the upper Aosta Valley today. This is the Val Ferret near Courmayeur -  
Photo: [www.regione.vda.it](http://www.regione.vda.it)

## Switzerland

Conditions are still excellent for the time of year in Switzerland with further snowfalls, heaviest in the west. **Verbier**, for example, has had at least 30cm of powder at altitude where there will be some fantastic skiing to be had once visibility improves. However, just as in France, it isn't especially cold and so spring conditions still rule in lower resorts such as **Grindelwald** (30/204cm) where the lower slopes are heavy.



Lots of fresh snow at altitude in western Switzerland. This is Villars - Photo:  
[www.villars.ch](http://www.villars.ch)

## Rest of Europe

Andorra continues its excellent season with a little new snow and plenty more in the forecast. Like most resorts at this time of year, the best snow quality is at altitude with more variable conditions lower down as the day progresses. **Soldeu** has 150/220cm of snow depending on altitude, **Arcalis** has 210/215cm. In Sweden, **Åre** (65/112cm) also has fresh snow and is probably the pick of the Scandinavian resorts right now.



Åre in Sweden has some of the best conditions in Scandinavia right now.

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## USA

Many Colorado resorts continue to receive regular top-ups of snow with excellent conditions reported in both **Vail** (125cm) and **Winter Park** (170cm). Further west, Mammoth (California) is also skiing well, despite not having seen nearly the same quantities of snow in the second half of the season as it saw in the first. Here the upper base is still an impressive 445cm.

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## Canada

**Whistler** hasn't seen much new snow recently, but conditions remain pretty good for time of year, particularly at altitude where the base is 253cm deep. Further inland, **Fernie** is also in good shape (on-piste at least) with an upper base of 302cm.



Western Canada hasn't seen much new snow recently but conditions are still generally good for the time of year. This is Sun Peaks - Photo: [www.sunpeaksresorts.com](http://www.sunpeaksresorts.com)

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