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Snow report

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On the whole, conditions are very good, especially in the western Alps which has seen the heaviest of the recent snow. Once again though, the northern and eastern Austrian Alps have missed most of the action and here, at low altitude at least, it looks more like spring.

More snow is expected over the next few days, again heaviest in the west, but extending to most by the beginning of next week.

Austria

Austria has again missed most of the recent snowfall and, away from the Italian border, snow depths are below par – as they have been all season. That said there is still some excellent piste skiing to be had, particularly (but not exclusively) at altitude. **Zell-am-See** (5/120cm), for example, may be showing some greenery below 1000m, but the runs themselves are still in good shape, especially on the upper half of the mountain.

For the very best conditions, however, you need to aim high. **Obergurg!** (70/140cm) is one Austrian resort that has had a consistently good season. After a slow start, **Lech/Zürs** (105/130cm) is also offering excellent skiing.

Fresh snow is expected over the next few days, in the west and south at first, more generally early next week.

France

Conditions are excellent at the moment, both in the northern and the southern French Alps. **Serre Chevalier** (115/300cm) has been in great shape all season and, with 30cm of fresh snow, is skiing as well as anywhere right now.

Further north, the news is also good – yes variable temperatures have meant sticky snow on the lowest slopes at times but, generally speaking, conditions in the likes of **Morzine-Avoriaz** (70/290cm) are superb, with lots more snow in the forecast.

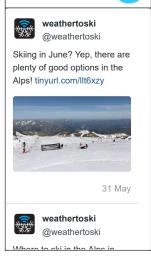


Great conditions in Alpe d'Huez today - Photo: alpedhuez.com

Italy

Italy's outstanding season continues even if recent snowfalls haven't been as heavy as they were earlier in the season. **Livigno** (180/220cm) hasn't seen this much snow since 1951 and is in fabulous shape right now.

Further west, **Courmayeur** (120/220cm) and **Sauze d'Oulx** (140/160cm) is also skiing superbly, with further snow expected across all Italian resorts over the next few days.



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Good snow and good weather today in Corvara.

Switzerland

Conditions are pretty good right now with fresh snow for most resorts over the last few days and more in the forecast. The deepest snow-packs are still in the south of the country. **Zermatt** (90/345cm) and **Saas-Fee** (108/355cm) are in fabulous nick right now, as they have been for most of the winter.

Further north, snow-depths are more modest but, on the whole, skiing conditions remain good in the likes of Laax (35/150cm) and Davos (65/149cm), especially on-piste.



Perfect weather, perfect snow in Zermatt this morning - Photo: apartment-zermatt.ch

Rest of Europe

Conditions remain good to excellent across the Pyrenees with further snow expected over the next few days. Pas de La Casa in Andorra has 120/160cm of snow depending on altitude.

Conditions have improved in Bulgaria after a largely disappointing season thanks to recent snowfall, with settled depths of 20/115cm for Bansko.

There's also been fresh snow for Norway's **Geilo** (75/105cm) with more in the forecast. Further north still, depths are more modest in Sweden's premier resort Åre (45/60cm) but, on-piste at least, conditions are still good.

Scotland's historic season continues with over 5m of settled snow at altitude in Glencoe now, though adverse weather conditions have limited opportunities on the hill.

USA

Conditions in Colorado are generally very good with more snow in the forecast, heaviest in the south and west of the state (e.g. Telluride, Crested Butte). Upper snow depths are currently 218cm in Aspen and 185cm in Winter Park.

Further north, ${\bf Jackson\ Hole}$ (285cm up top) is in particularly good shape right now following a metre of snow in the last week alone. Californian resorts have also improved after their miserable start to the season with 101/177cm reported in Mammoth, depending on altitude.



Excellent conditions in most Colorado resorts, with more snow forecast. This is Arapahoe Basin - Photo: arapahoebasin.com

Canada

Most resorts have seen at least a little snow over the last few days with further light flurries in the forecast. Generally speaking then, conditions are excellent onpiste, but a bit more variable off-piste. **Whistler** has 232cm of packed snow on its upper mountain, **Fernie** has 269cm.

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 6 March 2014, but see $\underline{\text{Today in}}$ $\underline{\text{the Alps}}$ for daily updates



Patchy snow cover at low altitude in Zell-am-See - but, on piste at least, conditions are still fine - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

