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### Snow report

**Updated: 12.15pm Thursday 12 February 2015**

It's been a glorious few days across the Alps with deep blue skies, light winds and pleasant but not excessively warm temperatures. In short, while it may (almost) feel like spring, the sun is not yet high enough in the sky to adversely affect the snow on any great scale and, for your average piste skier, conditions are excellent.

For the very best snow you might still want to aim high but, even in the lowest Alpine resorts, apart from a little afternoon slush there isn't a great deal to complain about right now.

As for the weekend, it will turn cooler again with some snow in places, mostly in the south and west.

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#### Austria

Snow conditions are generally pretty good across Austria, though strong sunshine and mild temperatures are making the going a little heavy at lower altitudes – especially in the afternoons. **Söll** has 80/100cm packed down on its pistes, while **Alpbach** has 60/130cm.

For the very best snow quality aim for high resorts such as **Obergurgl** (70/215cm) or **Obertauern** (140/180cm).

The weather is expected to stay mostly fine until Sunday, at which point some snow is possible in the far south.



Idyllic conditions in the Austrian Alps today. This is Heiligenblut (Tirol) - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

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#### France

There isn't a huge amount to complain about in the French Alps right now, even if spring snow conditions are beginning to appear on some lower and/or south-facing slopes thanks to clear skies and the strengthening mid-season sun.

**Val Thorens** (120/160cm) and **Tignes** (90/160cm) are skiing as well as anywhere, but lower altitude **Megève** (90/170cm) and **Châtel** (100/230cm) are also in good nick.

The weather is expected to become more unsettled over the weekend with some snow in places, in both the north and south.

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Perfect weather and great skiing in L'Espace Killy this week. This is Val d'Isère - Photo: valdisere.com

### Italy

The best snow conditions in Italy are at altitude and in the western Italian Alps, including **Sestriere** (120/160cm), **Cervinia** (55/250cm) and **Champoluc** (50/180cm).

On the whole, snow depths are more modest further east, but even **Selva** (20/100cm) offers very enjoyable piste skiing despite disappointing natural snowfall so far this season.

Like everywhere else in the Alps, the strengthening sun is softening up the snow on some lower slopes (especially in the afternoons) but it will turn cooler again over the weekend with new snow for most.



Not much to complain about in Sestriere right now - Photo: vialattea.it

### Switzerland

Snow conditions in Switzerland are pretty good across the board, with only a little slush (like everywhere else in the Alps) later in the day on low and/ or south-facing slopes exposed to the sun.

**Engelberg** (50/380cm) has particularly impressive snow depths, but you will find equally enjoyable skiing further south in **Saas-Fee** (56/280cm) or east in **Klosters** (45/156cm).

The forecast is set to change over the weekend with some snow in places, mostly in the south and west.



Good snow cover still in Crans Montana, but some afternoon slush is likely due its south-facing orientation - Photo: crans-montana.ch

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### Rest of Europe

Bulgaria has seen plenty of snow over the last week with excellent conditions in **Bansko** (60/225cm).

The Pyrenees also continue to offer great skiing thanks to the huge dumps a couple of weeks back. **Formigal** in Spain has 120/280cm of settled snow depending on altitude, while **Arcalis** in Andorra has 150/210cm.

Most Norwegian resorts have only seen a dusting of snow in the last week, but **Hemsedal** (104/122cm) continues to offer excellent piste skiing, as does **Åre** (45/58cm) in Sweden, despite the modest depths and variable off-piste.

Scottish ski resorts haven't seen any new snow in a while, but depths remain good – 70/140cm in **Cairngorm**, for example, where pistes are described as hard-packed.



Excellent snow cover still in the Pyrenees. This is Les Angles in France - Photo: lesangles.com

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### USA

There were light snowfalls on Tuesday in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming which have helped freshen up conditions in many resorts. However, a run of warmer and sunnier days is now expected until the weekend.

**Vail** is reported to be skiing well with 117cm of settled snow mid-mountain, as is **Alta** (175cm mid-mountain) and **Jackson Hole** (236cm upper mountain).

Some Californian resorts have also seen snow, but not enough to turn around what has until now been another difficult season. **Heavenly** has upper base depths of 86cm but very limited off-piste.



Good pistes in Breckenridge despite the recent mild weather - Photo: breckenridge.com

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#### Canada

Mild weather continues to plague **Whistler** (156cm upper mountain) where further rain is expected, even at high altitudes, over the next couple of days. Needless to say the going is pretty heavy at times, especially lower down.

It has also been unseasonably mild further inland, but snow conditions have been much more consistent in **Banff/Lake Louise** (165cm upper mountain) and **Kicking Horse** (174cm upper mountain).

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