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Latest snow report

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Snow conditions in the Alps remain very mixed right now. At low altitude, particularly in the north, very mild weather (and rain earlier in the week) has led to a deterioration in snow quality. Above 1800m the situation is better but, generally speaking, snow levels are considerably below where they should be for early February.

The good news is that many parts of the Alps are expecting significant snow over the next few days – indeed 60-80cm could fall at altitude in some western parts of the Alps by early next week. The bad news is that there will still be some milder air in the mix, which means more rain at times for the lowest resorts.

Across the pond the western US continues to lead the way, with Utah and Wyoming offering some of the best conditions on the continent.

Austria

Snow conditions are quite mixed across the Austrian Alps right now.

High resorts, especially those in the west, are skiing well right now thanks to the 30cm+ of snow they saw on Tuesday. **Ischgl** has settled snow depths of 25/85cm, while **Sölden** has 20/235cm and **Montafon** has 40/130cm.

Lower down, however, recent rain in the likes of **Söll** (75cm upper base) does mean more variable snow quality.

Some new snow is expected over the next few days, especially on Sunday and Monday.



Good pistes up top in Ischgl – 2 February 2017 – Photo: ischgl.com

France

Snow conditions are decidedly mixed across the French Alps at the moment, with deteriorating snow quality in lower resorts such as **Morzine** (10/20cm) and **Megève** (20/90cm), thanks to very mild temperatures.

Higher resorts such as **Tignes** (70/135cm) and **Val Thorens** (75/160cm) are currently offering much more consistent snow conditions.

Snow is expected in many areas over the coming days, but there will again be some rain at times lower down.

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Good snow cover at altitude in La Plagne – 2 February 2017 – Photo: winter.la-plagne.com

Italy

The best natural snow cover in Italy remains at altitude in the west, including resorts such as **Cervinia** (35/115cm), **La Thuile** (30/150cm) and **Sestriere** (50/140cm), all of which are skiing pretty well.

Further east, many resorts are still heavily reliant on artificial snow, especially in the Dolomites. That said, most of the skiing in the **Sella Ronda** region (e.g. **Selva, Corvara**) is open despite a very modest 20-40cm upper base.

Some snow is expected over the next few days, heaviest in the far north-west (e.g. **Courmayeur, La Thuile**) as well as the central Italian Alps (e.g. **Madesimo, Livigno**).



Light snow starting up in Livigno this afternoon – 2 February 2017 – Photo: valtime.it

Switzerland

Like everywhere else in the Alps, snow conditions in Switzerland are pretty mixed right now. At least 30cm of new snow fell at altitude in eastern resorts such as **Davos** (45/145cm) on Tuesday, but milder weather has made the going heavy lower down.

Elsewhere in the Swiss Alps you can find some excellent piste-skiing in high altitude **Zermatt** (5/120cm) and **Saas-Fee** (20/145cm), but the lower slopes of **Wengen** (20/55cm) and **Champéry** (0/70cm) have suffered in the recent rain.

Snow is forecast over the coming days, especially at altitude.



Great on-piste conditions in Scuol in south-east Switzerland – 2 February 2017 – Photo: scuol.ch

Rest of Europe

Snow cover is healthy across most of the Pyrenees, especially in the east. Andorra's **Soldeu** has base depths of 100/150cm while Spain's **Baqueira Beret** has 140/180cm. Both resorts are expecting new snow this weekend.

Bulgarian ski resorts haven't seen any snow in the last week but, on-piste at least, conditions remain excellent in **Borovets** (130/155cm) with some snow forecast over the weekend.

In Scandinavia, Norway's **Geilo** has 40/70cm of settled snow depending on altitude, while Finland's **Levi** has 65 cm mid-mountain.

There is currently insufficient snow for lift-served skiing in Scotland.



Good snow cover in the French Pyrenees – 2 February 2017 – Photo: grand-tourmalet.com

USA

Snow conditions are generally much more favourable in the western US than they are in the Alps, with good snow cover across the board.

One of the best options right now is **Alta** (261cm mid-mountain), in Utah, where more significant snow is forecast next week.

It's a similarly rosy picture in **Jackson Hole** (185/270cm), in Wyoming, where again lots of snow is expected over the coming days.



Excellent on-piste snow conditions in Beaver Creek, Colorado – 2 February 2017 – Photo: beavercreek.com

Canada

The resorts of western Canada are doing well with generally excellent on-piste conditions. Off-piste conditions are more varied, though there is snow in the forecast.

Whistler (208cm mid-mountain) hasn't seen a huge amount of snow in the last week but that's all about to change with a major dump forecast for the weekend.

Further east, **Fernie** (154cm upper base) is also expecting snow, albeit in slightly more modest quantities.

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