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Latest snow report

Updated: 4.30pm Monday 6 March 2017

The weather in the Alps has been very unsettled in recent days, with significant snow for many, especially in the west.

This latest storm cycle will end mid-week, but not before over 1m of new snow (since Saturday) has fallen at altitude in some French resorts including Val d'Isère, La Rosière, Flaine, Chamonix and Avoriaz.

Many other parts of the Alps have also seen some snow, in varying quantities, though it hasn't been particularly cold which means that accumulations have been modest at low altitudes. The resorts that have seen the least snow over the last few days are the lower Austrian ones, such as Söll, Zell-am-See and Kitzbühel, but some new snow is also expected here on Tuesday.

Across the pond the western US continues to impress, with the best snow conditions currently in Wyoming and Utah.

Austria

Austrian ski resorts have not done as well from the current storm cycle as resorts further west, which means that natural snow cover is quite patchy around many of its lower-lying resorts.

That said, there is still plenty of piste skiing in the likes of **Söll** (50/60cm) and **Zell-am-See** (30/100cm), with some snow in the forecast on Tuesday.

For more consistent snow conditions, however, you need to aim higher. **Lech** currently has base depths of 95/170cm, while **Obertauern** has 110/170cm.



Snowing this afternoon in the Austrian Vorarlberg. This is Brand – 6 March 2017 – Photo: brand.at

France

Most of the French Alps have seen significant snow in recent days with another big storm currently in progress today (Monday).

Snow conditions will therefore be excellent once the weather settles down mid-week, though off-piste avalanche danger will be sky high. Three-day fresh snowfall totals will be well over 1m in **Val d'Isère** (150/270cm) and **Avoriaz** (140/170cm) by Tuesday morning.

Lower down, resorts such as **Les Gets** (60/150cm) have seen a little rain at village level, but there is also masses of new snow on the slopes.

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Snowy scenes in Vallandry – 6 March 2017 – Photo: twitter.com/PeiseyVallandry

Italy

Most Italian ski resorts have seen fresh snow in recent days, with the heaviest falls in the west. **Courmayeur** (55/140cm) is skiing as well anywhere right now with serious snowfalls currently in progress. Heavy snow has also been falling in **Sestriere** (40/120cm). Beware off-piste though as the risk of avalanche is extremely high.

Further east, recent snowfalls have generally been more modest in the Dolomites but, on-piste at least, conditions are still very good in the **Alta Badia** region (40cm upper base), where 10cm of new snow fell on Sunday.



Lots of new snow in the Courmayeur area – 6 March 2017 – Photo: snow-eye.com

Switzerland

All Swiss ski resorts have seen new snow in recent days, heaviest in the west, with plenty more to come over the next 24 hours.

It has been snowing hard in **Verbier** today (Monday) where base depths are now 30/220cm depending on altitude. Further north and east, the snow is currently lighter in **Engelberg** (20/75cm) but will pep up overnight, as it will in **Laax** (40/220cm).

All in all, snow conditions will be excellent when the weather improves mid-week, though take great care off-piste, especially (but not exclusively) in the west where avalanche danger is very high.



Heavy snow in progress in Bettmeralp – 6 March 2017 – Photo: bettmeralp.ch

Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees haven't seen a huge amount of snow over the last few days but, generally speaking, snow cover remains healthy with base depths of 120/180cm in Andorra's **Pas de la Casa** and 110/200cm in Spain's **Baqueira Beret**.

There is still good piste skiing in Bulgaria as well, despite the ongoing snow drought, with 70/150cm depending on altitude in **Bansko**.

In Norway, **Hemsedal** (50cm mid-mountain base) has picked up a few centimetres of new snow.

Four out of the five main Scottish ski areas are now partially open, though snow depths remain very modest – with just 25cm up top at **Cairngorm**, for example.



Plenty of snow still at altitude in the Pyrenees. This is Cauterets – 6 March 2017 – Photo: cauterets.com

USA

Snow conditions continue to astound in many western US resorts.

Wyoming's **Jackson Hole** is skiing as well as anywhere right now (at least if you like powder) with upper base depths of 373cm and more snow forecast every day this week.

In Utah, **Snowbird** (360cm mid-mountain) is also in fantastic shape, with further snow falling today (Monday).

Canada

Whistler (284cm upper mountain) is offering some excellent snow conditions right now, with fresh snow, relatively low temperatures and further flurries in the forecast.

It has also been snowing in the **Banff/Lake Louise** area, where snow depths are 138/194cm depending on altitude.



Dawn in Whistler today – 6 March 2017 – Photo: whistlerblackcomb.com

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