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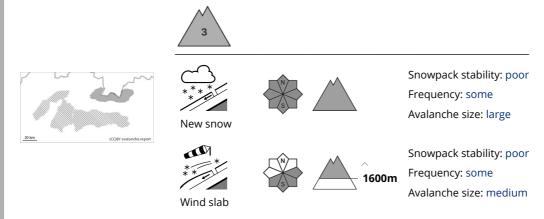


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Danger Level 3 - Considerable



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Snowpack

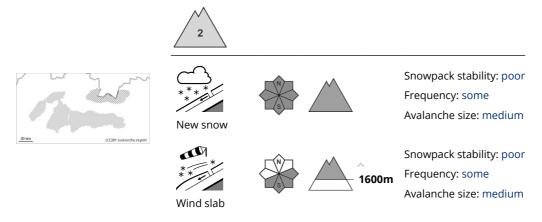
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Tendency

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