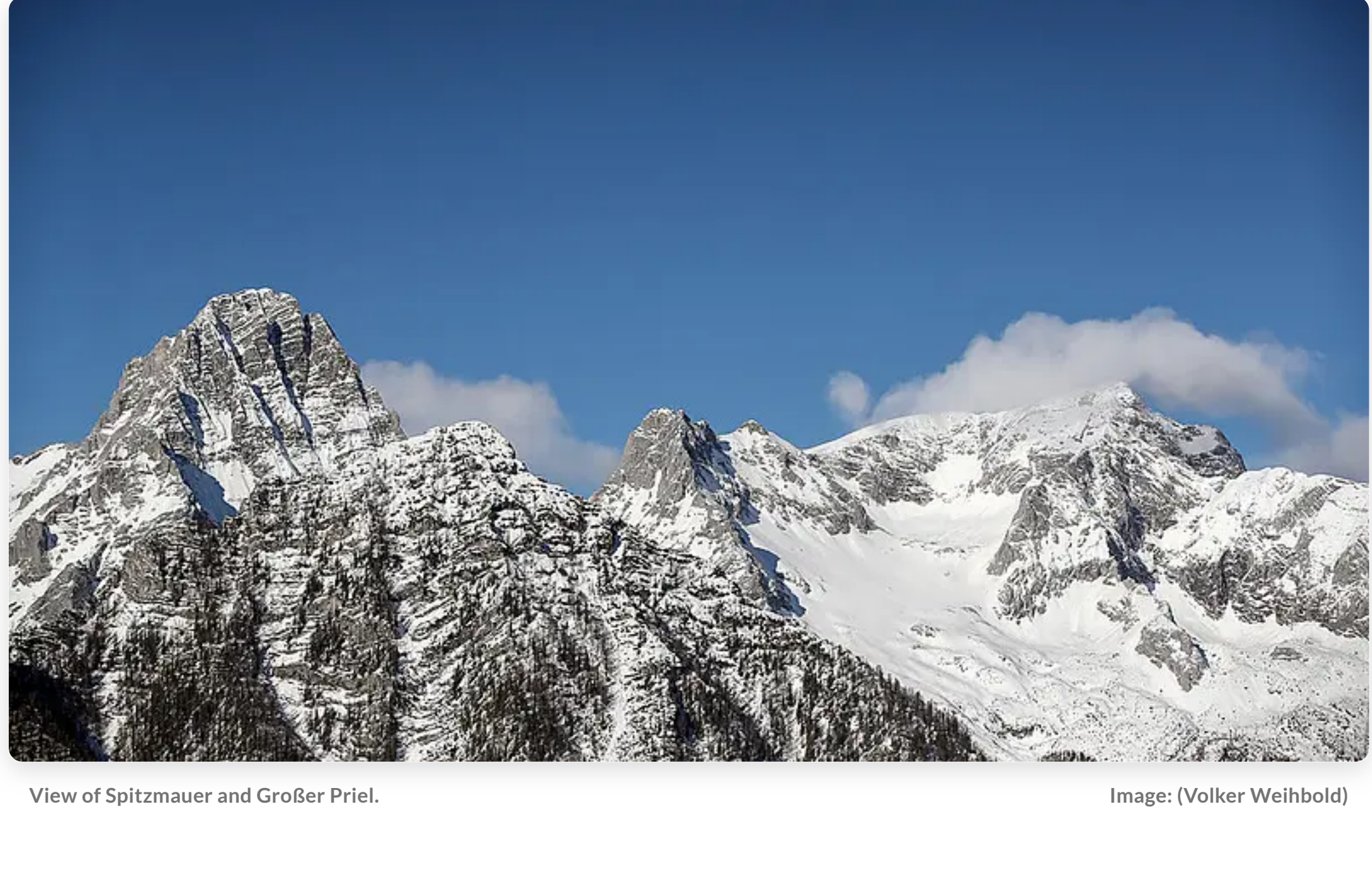


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# Avalanche exit at the Großer Priel: 4 Czechs dragged away

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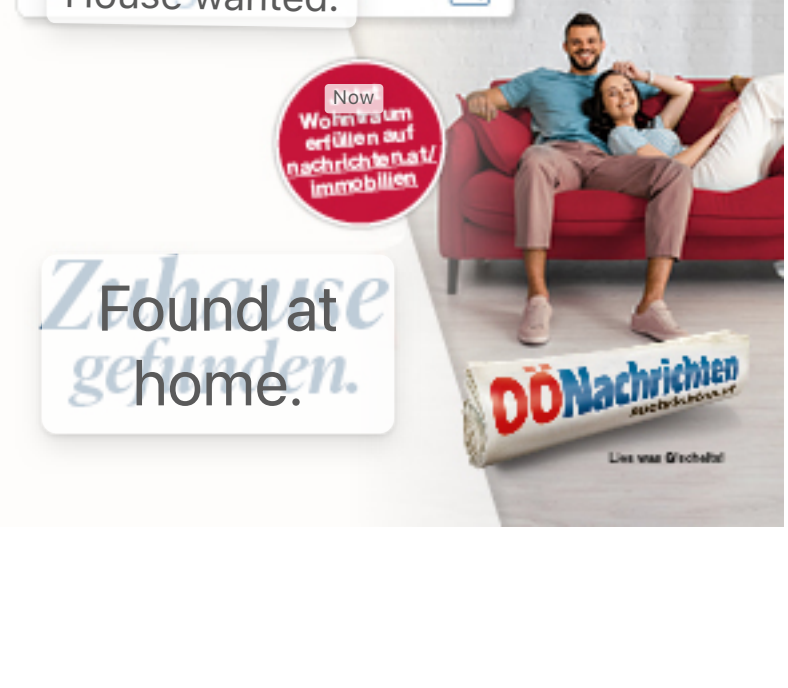
View of Spitzmauer and Großer Priel.

Image: (Volker Weibhold)

**HINTERSTODER.** A group of snowshoe hikers, including two 15-year-old boys, was hit by an avalanche on the Großer Priel (2,515 meters) on Sunday morning.

The article was last updated at 16:04.

A father-son trip in the Dead Mountains could have ended in disaster for four Czechs. When you see the images of the huge avalanche of wet snow that broke away below the bread fall on Easter Sunday at 10:20 a.m., it is probably a miracle that only one person was injured in the knee in the incident.



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The two father-son teams had started on Sunday morning from the Prielschutzhaus (1420 meters) via the normal route in the direction of the summit of the Großer Priel. While one of the fathers (49) and the two 15-year-old boys were on the road with snowshoes, the second father (48) was carrying crampons. None of those involved brought suitable avalanche emergency equipment with them, according to the police. The group was on the road for about two and a half hours and was at an altitude of 1775 meters in the Kühkar when they were caught by the snow masses and carried away a good 90 meters of altitude.

## Remotely triggered wet snow avalanche

According to the police report, it was a large wet snow avalanche that split into two strands at a terrain side. This may have saved the lives of the Czechs: Because exactly on this terrain the four men were washed out of the avalanche. They were not buried and remained almost unharmed. Only the 49-year-old suffered a knee injury.

As Alexander Binder from the Bergrettung Hinterstoder (district Kirchdorf) said, he was flown by the rescue helicopter Martin 3 to the hospital in Kirchdorf an der Krems. The police helicopter Libelle took the three companions from the Priel Schutzhaus to the valley. Since the weather allowed a deployment from the air, the Hinterstoder mountain rescue was on standby, but ultimately did not have to climb to the accident site.

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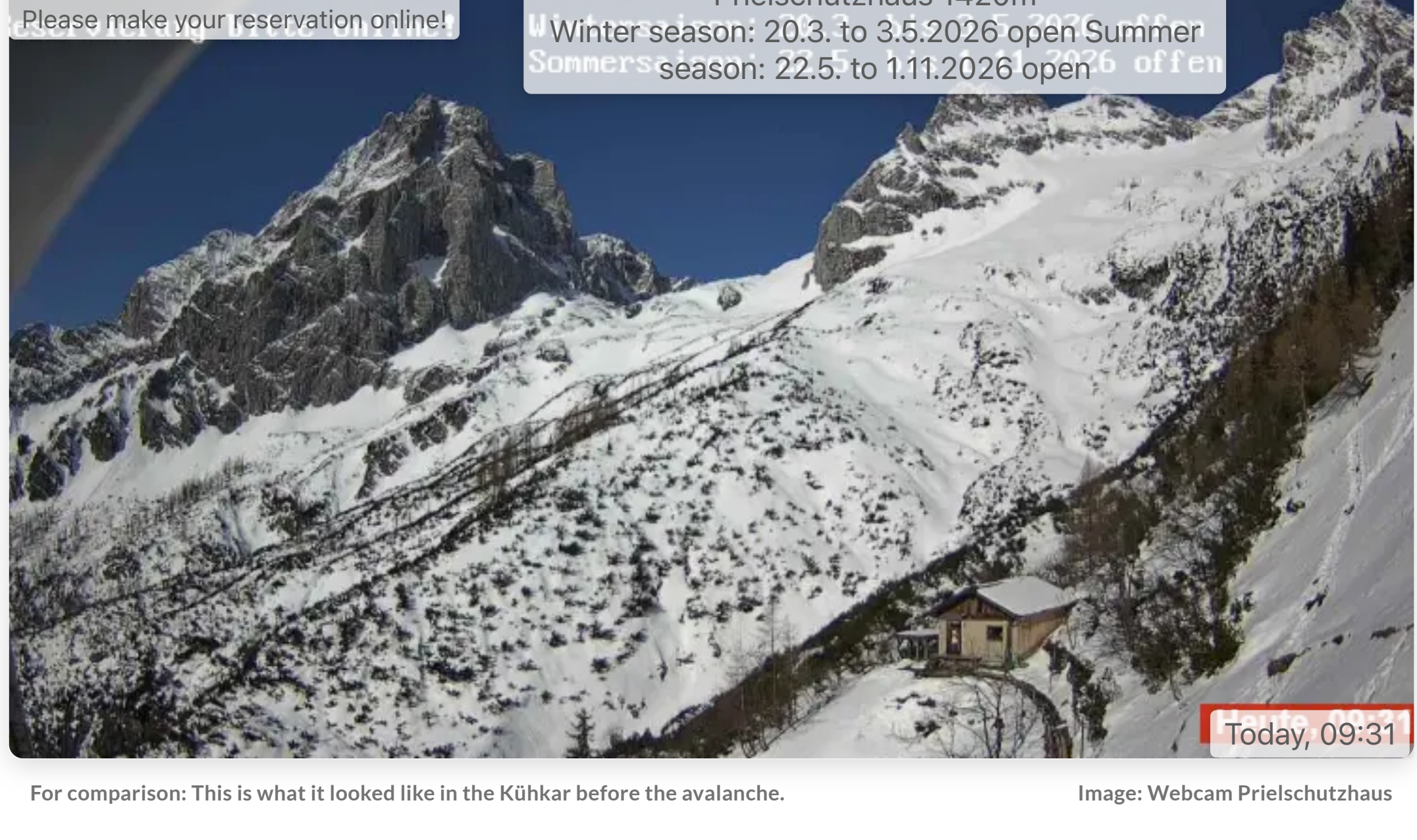
## Moderate to considerable avalanche danger

In Upper Austria, on Easter Sunday, according to the avalanche warning service Upper Austria, avalanche warning level 2 (moderate) prevailed in the morning, which was to rise during the day with the rapidly rising temperatures and solar radiation to level 3 (significantly) of the five-stage scale. "It is then increasingly expected in the steep terrain with spontaneous medium, partly large wet snow avalanches on the steep smooth surface, on steep smooth ground with individual sliding snow avalanches," the experts said.

## Webcam shows extent of avalanche

The normal route to the Großer Priel leads from the Prielschutzhaus via Kühplan and Kühkar in the direction of Brotfallscharte. Below the 2360 meter high Brotfall, the terrain falls very steeply. On recordings of the webcam, which is placed at the Prielschutzhaus at 1420 meters above sea level, the extent of the huge avalanche can be clearly seen.

The webcam provided these images on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. before the avalanche:



For comparison: This is what it looked like in the Kühkar before the avalanche.

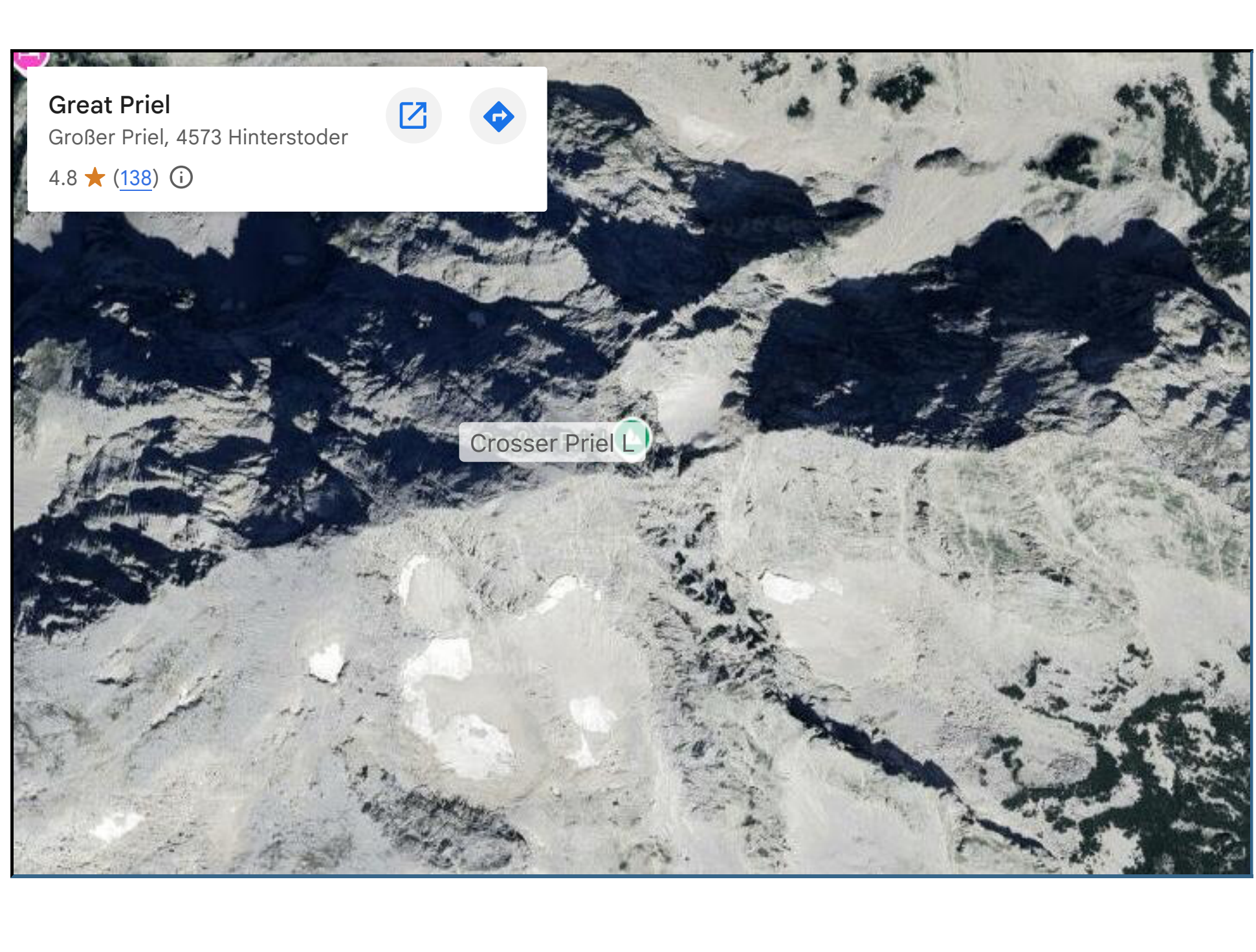
Image: Webcam Prielschutzhaus

And this is what it looked like in the afternoon:



The extent of the avalanche can be seen on current webcam recordings.

Image: Webcam Prielschutzhaus



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