



# ROCKFALL RESCUE OPERATION

## Wildanger/Eggersteig 09.06.2022

### incl. the use of Mountain Rescue Search Dogs



The rescue operations were carried out by multiple rescue teams and organizations, credits to this incredible and challenging work are directed to those who were involved!

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# 09.06.2022 Rockfall - Wildanger/Eggersteig (Tyrol)



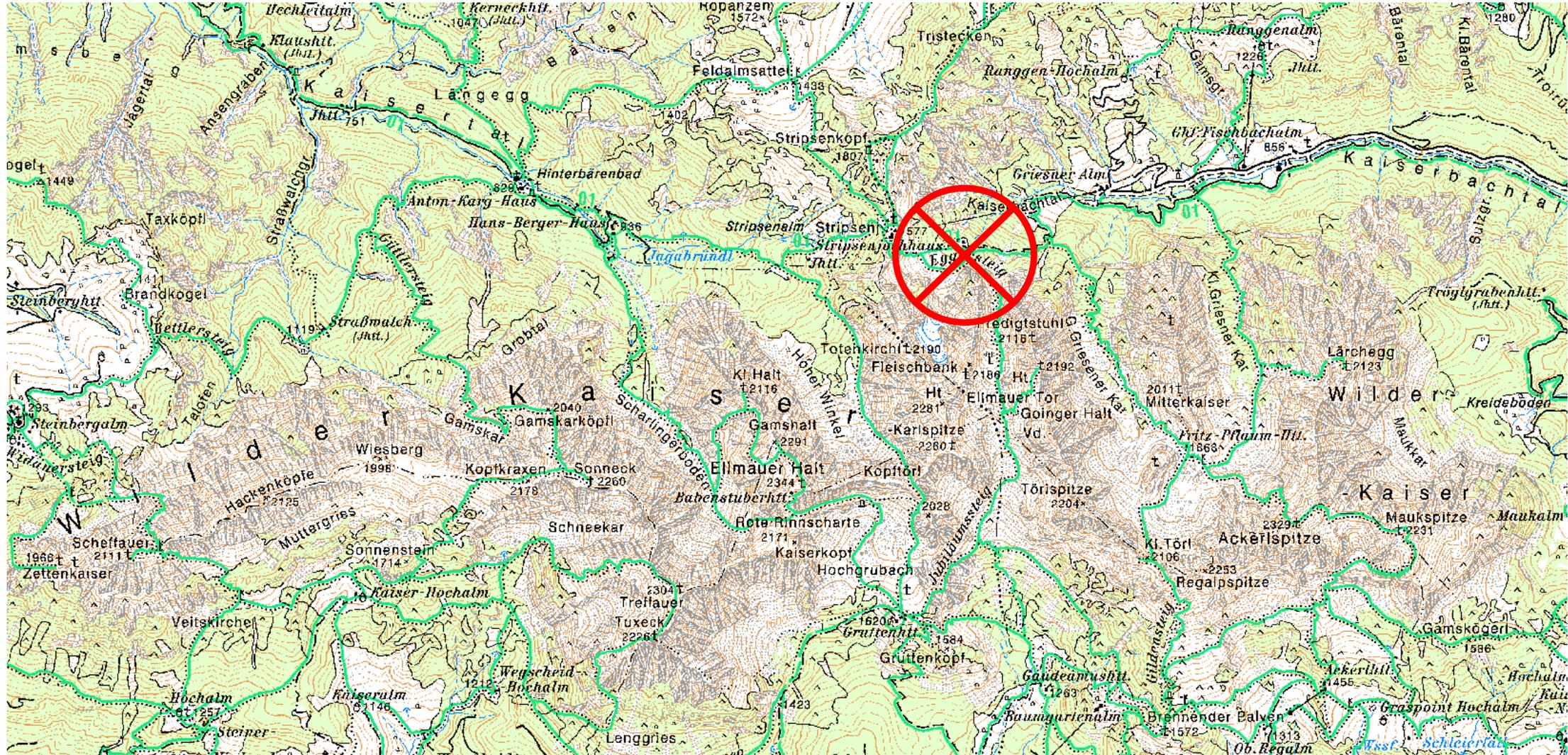
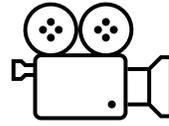
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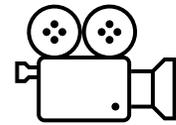


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# Location

Popular alpine and ICAR historical area





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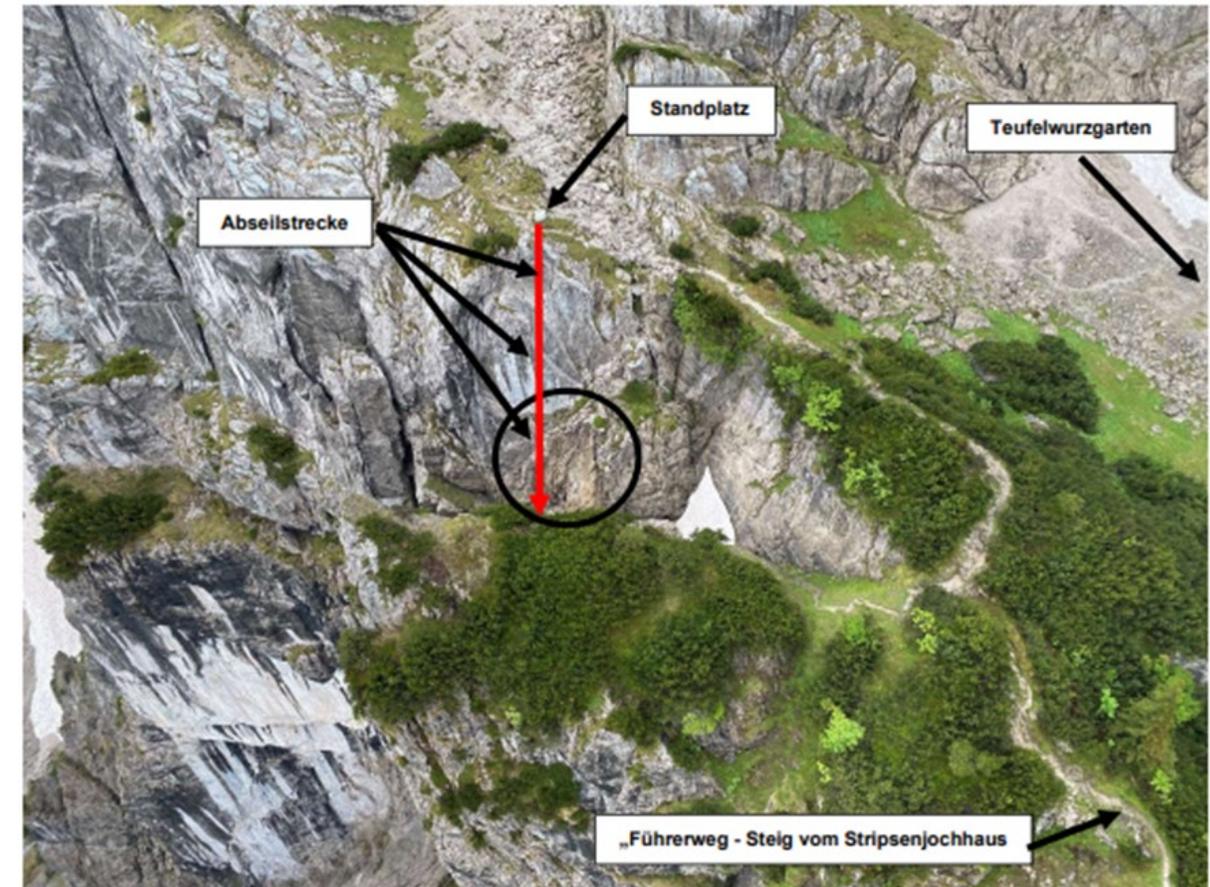
**Wilder Kaiser Video**  
(Available @ Internet)

# Location Pictures



The accident site is at the northern foot of the Totenkirchl between the Kirchlsockel and the "Bismarck" rock ridge.

View of the scene of the accident from above. The black circle marks the area of the rock fall. The rubble deposit is hidden rock ridge "Bismarck". The red arrow shows the path of the abseiling slope.



# Weather conditions



The weather was rainy with some heavy showers on the night of the day before the accident. The sky was overcast and there was partly heavy fog in the area of the accident site.

The picture was taken 1,5 hours after the accident.



# Involved Rescue Forces - 09.06.2022 & - 10.06.2022

## Day 1

- ÖBRD Mountain rescue team St. Johann in Tirol  
– 11 Pax
- ÖBRD Mountain rescue team Kufstein – 11 Pax
- 2 search dogs ÖBRD team Kitzbühel
- Fire department Kufstein – 10 Pax
- Alpine police Kitzbühel u. Kufstein – 14 Pax
- Rescue Helicopter, Heli 3 (Schider Helicopter Service)
- Police Helicopter, Libelle Tyrol
- State geologist

## Day 2

- ÖBRD Mountain rescue team Kufstein
- Fire department Kufstein
- Alpine police Kitzbühel
- Austrian Army, Pioniere
- Helicopter – Austrian Army
- Helicopter – Austrian Police

# Area of rock fall



Dimensions of rock fall area:

Height: 18m;

Width: 11m;

Depth:  $\emptyset$  at least 1.5m



# Sequence of activities / Timeline 09.06.2022

- \*\*\*pm accident event
- \*\*\*pm reporting of the incident
- \*\*\*pm first unit on site - Kufstein LAST-2
- **\*\*\*pm Control center Tyrol notifies ÖBRD search and avalanche dogs**
- \*\*\*pm The rescue operation is interrupted, the situation on site is too dangerous
- \*\*\*pm questioning of the witnesses at Stripsenjochhaus on the course of the accident

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Location of the body

Recording from June 10th,  
2022 at 12:39 p.m

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Rescue work directly at the burial site  
16.45pm Recovery of the body by  
Police and Helicopter “Libelle”



# General challenges:

- Due to bad weather it was not always possible to directly fly to the accident site
  - part of the crew and material was dropped nearby at the area called - Märchenwiese, the further ascent and material transport took place from there by foot
- Continues Danger due to further loose rocks and boulders above the accident site



# Report avalanche and search dogs

- Two dog handlers from ÖBRD Mountain Rescue Team Kitzbühel went to the rock and rubble cone.
- As soon as the female dog Lilly and the dog handler Richard P. had the first indication, the second dog named Lino together with his handler Manfred G., were sent to the rubble deposit and the same spot was indicated.
- In order to secure the confirmation of the dogs, a short interruption of approx. 15 minutes was made, afterwards both dogs were sent again on the stone rubble avalanche cone, and both pointed again at the same place.



**Our thoughts are with the victim and his family**

**Thank you for your attention!**



# Training Area – Joint use with Austrian Army







