Kumatoshi_ridge Ryan Taylor Yubari Mountains 05/12/2020 - 12:18

Japan Co-ord: 43.33450N, 142.32604E

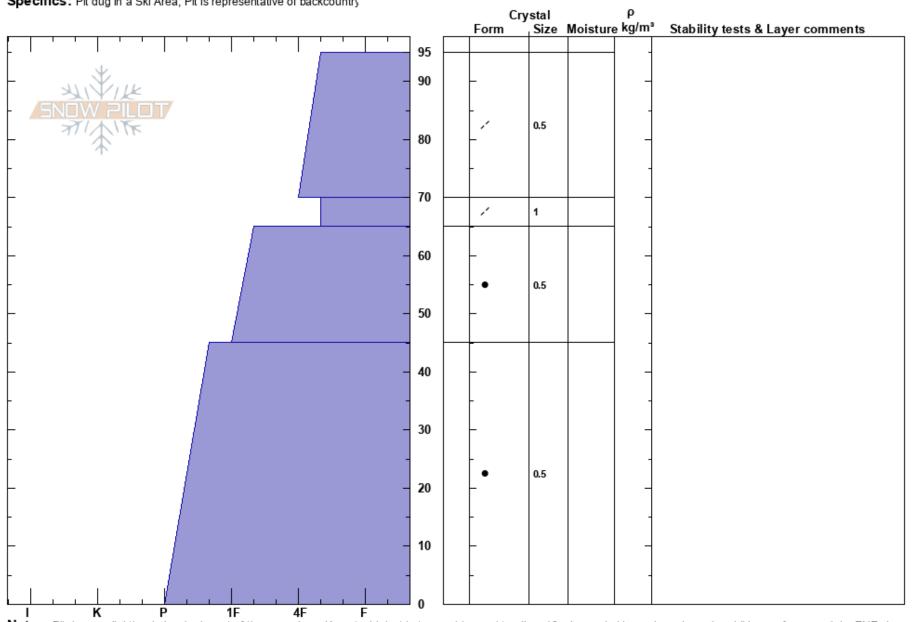
Elevation: 955 m Slope Angle: 25° Aspect: E Wind Loading: yes

Specifics: Pit dug in a Ski Area; Pit is representative of backcountry

Stability: Very Good **HS**:95 Layer Notes:

PF:50 Air Temperature: -5°C PS:30 Sky Cover: BKN

Precipitation: S-1 Wind: SW Moderate



Notes: Pit dug on slightly windpacked crest of the spur above Kumatoshi, just between ridge and treeline, 10m beyond ski area boundary when hiking up from gondola. ENE slopes are loaded and I confidently assume that these adjacent loaded faces have a similar snowpack with slightly lower density and ~1.5x depth, more below ridge tops. No stability test done, however when digging pit shearing the 2 obviously layers with shovel felt resistant planar that may fail after hard hits from shoulder but probably produce no result. This was a quick pit before dropping center line off ENE summit face. Jumped off a cornice onto described loaded slope, no cracking or movement. These slopes are very stable.