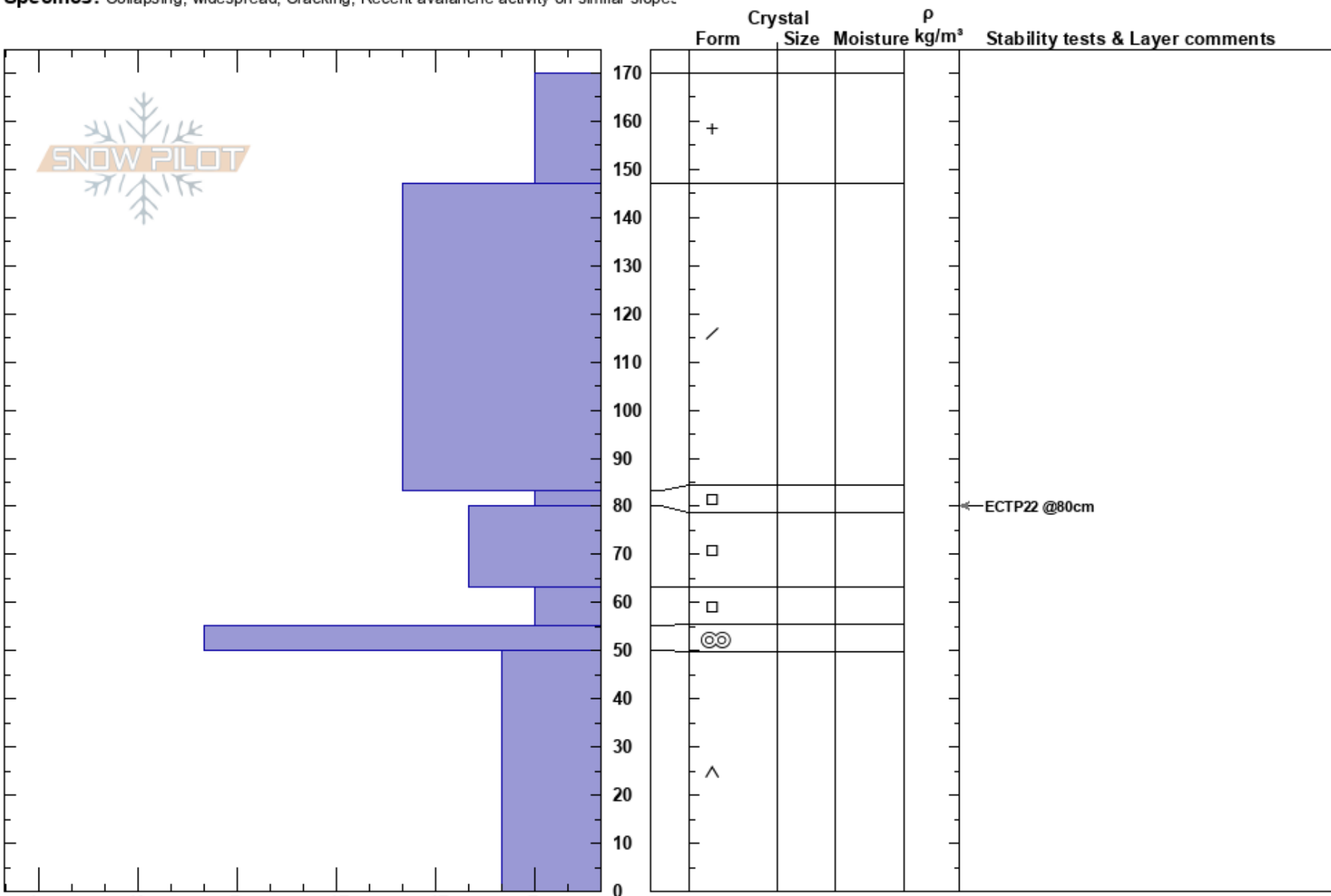


Coyote Trees
 La Sal Mountains
 UT
Elevation: 11284 ft
Aspect: 28°
Specifics: Collapsing, widespread; Cracking; Recent avalanche activity on similar slopes

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 01/29/2021 - 12:00pm
Co-ord: 38.46091N, -109.24971W
Slope Angle: 28°
Wind Loading: previous

Stability: Poor
Air Temperature:
Sky Cover: BKN
Precipitation: NO
Wind: SW Moderate

HS: 170
Layer Notes:
 83-80cm: Problematic layer



Notes: Though somewhat sheltered just below treeline, there was evidence of previous wind loading. Above treeline, active wind loading was occurring. After digging the pit I walked to the edge of the Coyote Chute starting zone to see if it would collapse. It did and I could see it propagate approximately 300' across the entire zone but it did not release. At this point the slope changes aspect slightly and goes out of sight. Further inspection revealed cracks continuing around the corner another 200' to where an avalanche 2'-3' deep had occurred. Further reports from observers the following day reported that Coyote Chute had indeed avalanched beneath the steepest breakover in the chute, and that the avalanche continued over and connected to the slide I had observed for a total width of 500'.