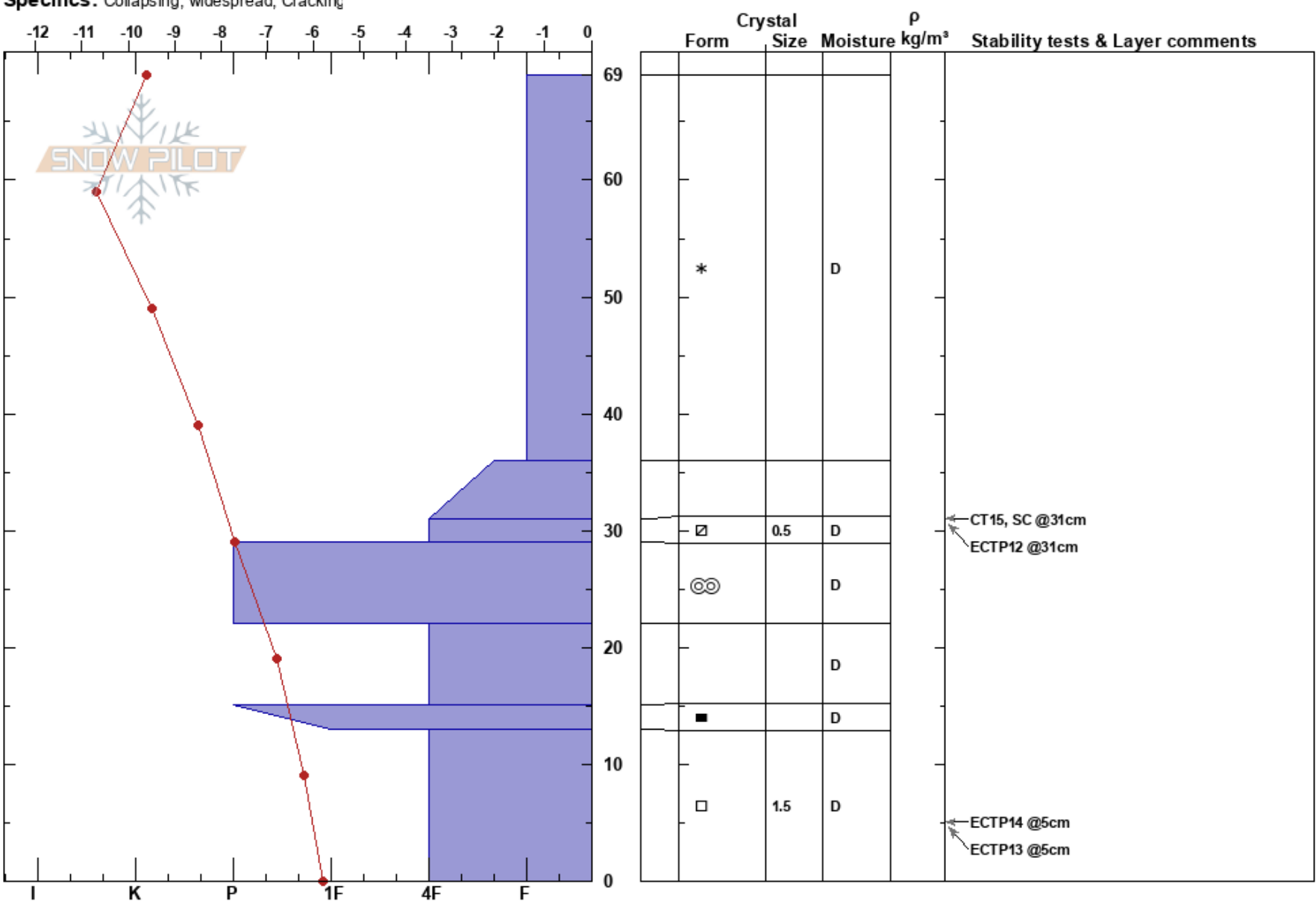


Prelude  
 La Sal Mountains  
 UT  
 Elevation: 11266 ft  
 Aspect: 310°  
 Specifics: Collapsing, widespread; Cracking

Tim Matthews  
 01/21/2018 - 1:15pm  
 Co-ord: 38.46079N, -109.25277W  
 Slope Angle: 26°  
 Wind Loading: no

Stability: Poor  
 Air Temperature:  
 Sky Cover: BKN  
 Precipitation: S-1  
 Wind: N Light Breeze

HS:69  
 Layer Notes:  
 13-0cm: Problematic layer



**Notes:** Along the entire ascent route leading up to our pit location we experienced widespread collapsing with some cracking. Winds were calm with the occasional gust at the location of the pit. 300 feet above the pit along the Pre Laurel Peak ridgeline the winds were moderate with the occasional gust in to the strong range. Transporting snow from the North half to the south half of the compass. From the Pre Laurel Ridge we experienced our largest collapse of the day. We had just come out on to the ridge above treeline. Walked across the flat terrain above the Coyote Chutes and felt and heard a loud collapse. Likely a more dense slab above the old snow from wind effect. Although, we did not see any cracking associated with this collapse, and it did not remotely trigger Coyote. From Prelude our pit location we wanted to see what the North Woods looked like, so we made the call to exit there in to Gold Basin. Not a good idea. The North Woods needs a minimum of 3 feet of snow before that we will be skiing without fea