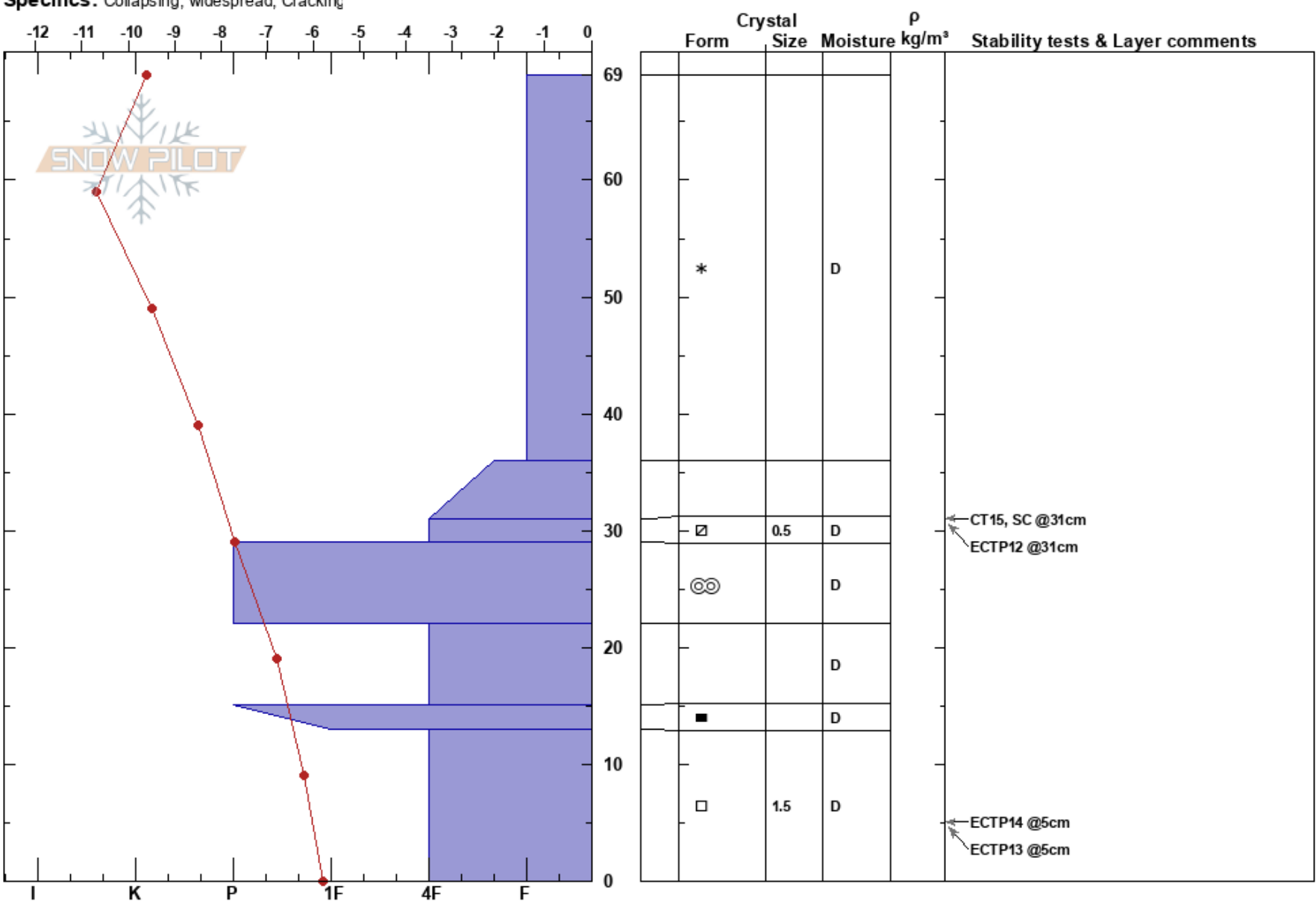


Prelude
 La Sal Mountains
 UT
 Elevation: 11266 ft
 Aspect: 310°
 Specifics: Collapsing, widespread; Cracking

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