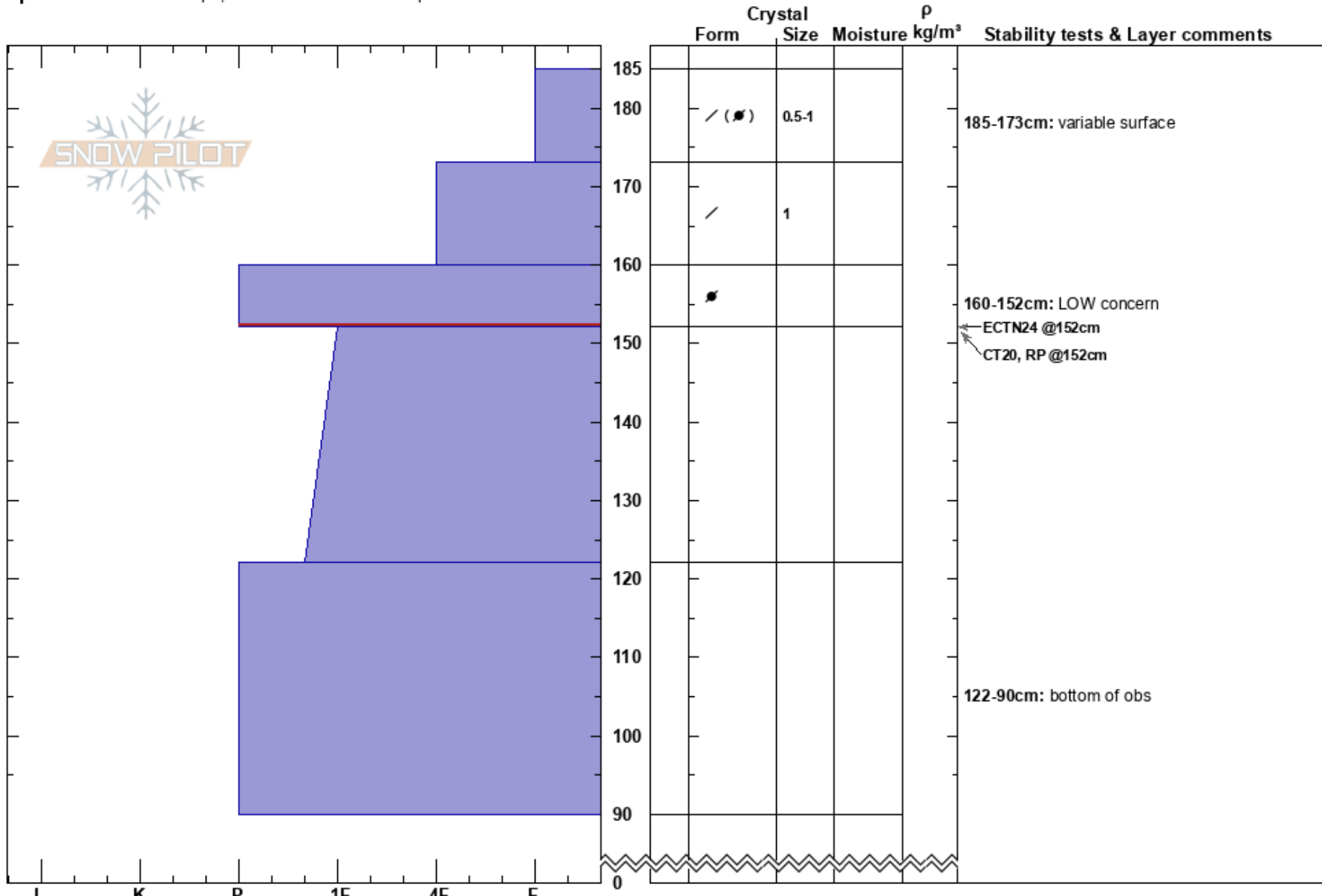


Stairway - 3rd Bench  
 Chugach Range  
 AK  
 Elevation: 2940 ft  
 Aspect:  
 Specifics: We skied slope; Snowmobile tracks on slope

Don Sharaf  
 02/16/2024 - 12:45pm  
 Co-ord: 61.18736N, -145.54773W  
 Slope Angle: 0°  
 Wind Loading:

Stability: Good  
 Air Temperature: -8°C  
 Sky Cover: CLR  
 Precipitation: NO  
 Wind:

HS:185  
 PF:20  
 PS: 15  
 185-173cm: variable surface  
 160-152cm: LOW concern  
 160-152cm: Problematic layer  
 122-90cm: bottom of obs



**Notes:** Traditional site of first pit for the VHSG season. No basal weakness detected with probing. No reaction to snowmachiners or skiing today. Variable snow surface between feathers to rhino hide. Some areas of breakable wind skin/slab up to 10cm thick, but was not propagating or cracking even on steep breakovers. No facets or surface hoar detected in the pit or on the surface during our tour.