Summary observations from thin sections of the R1H1 (suggest list is read from bottom to top)

S1 Depth: 0.0 - 0.06 m

- Quartz grains abundant. Note: for all samples, quartz grains appear white to yellow to dark grey in cross polarized light (XP) depending on thickness and angle of extinction.
- K-feldspar grains very rare.
- Aggregates appear to have organics included.
- Biotite and phengite grains not abundant and are too small to resolve optically.

S2 Depth: 0.3 - 0.6 m

- Liesegang bands? micron scale- abundant in aggregates. Worms?
- Phengite appear less altered.
- Small but fewer biotite grains in variable states of alteration.
- K-feldspar grains are rare.

S3 Depth: 1.0 - 1.5 m

- Very few K-feldspars.
- Fe-oxide coatings and particles common.
- Biotite (brown booklets) show fray edges.
- Phengite appear less altered and smaller than biotite.

S4 Depth: 2.0 - 2.5 m

- Quartz is common but fewer K-feldspar grains appear than deeper samples.
- K-feldspars are altered and filled with kaolinite in dissolution pits.
- Biotite (brown booklets) show fray edges.
- Phengite appear less altered and smaller than biotite.

S5 Depth: 3.0 - 3.5 m

- Quartz and K-feldspar grains angular and common but smaller than S6 and S7.
- K-feldspar (tartan twin pattern) commonly show dissolution pits.
- Biotite (brown booklets) show fray edges.

S6: Depth: 5.0 - 6.1 m

- Same comments as S7 below.
- Biotite (brown booklets) shows more fray edging than S7.
- S7: Depth: 12.2 13.7 m
 - Quartz and K-feldspar grains angular and common.
 - Some K-feldspar grains (tartan twin pattern) show dissolution pits.
 - Biotite (brown booklets) show some fray edges.
 - Phengite (highly birefringence booklets) appear less altered and smaller than biotite.

Bonus figure: X-ray diffraction pattern of 125 μm fraction showing:

- Increase of quartz toward surface
- Decrease of K-feldspar toward surface
- Degradation of biotite evidenced by low angle shoulder on mica peak (biotite, phengite, mixed layers).
- Slight shift of kaolinite peak evidence of mixed layer micas in B and BC horizons



S1 Depth: 0.00-0.06 m Plane polarized 5X objective

S1 Depth: 0.00-0.06 m Cross polarized 5X objective





S1 Depth: 0.00-0.06 m Plane polarized 20X objective

S1 Depth: 0.00-0.06 m Cross polarized 20X objective





S2 Depth: 0.3-0.6 m Plane polarized 5X objective

S2 Depth: 0.3-0.6 m Cross polarized 5X objective





S2 Depth: 0.3-0.6 m Plane polarized 20X objective

S2 Depth: 0.3-0.6 m Cross polarized 20X objective





S3 Depth: 1.0-1.5 m Plane polarized 5X objective

S3 Depth: 1.0-1.5 m Cross polarized 5X objective





S3 Depth: 1.0-1.5 m Plane polarized 20X objective

S3 Depth: 1.0-1.5 m Cross polarized 20X objective



S4 Depth: 2.0-2.5 m Cross polarized 5X objective



S4 Depth: 2.0-2.5 m Plane polarized 5X objective



S4 Depth: 2.0-2.5 m Plane polarized 20X objective

S4 Depth: 2.0-2.5 m Cross polarized 20X objective







S5 Depth: 3.0-3.5 m Plane polarized 20X objective

S5 Depth: 3.0-3.5 m Cross polarized 20X objective





S6 Depth: 5.0-6.1 m Plane polarized 5X objective

S6 Depth: 5.0-6.1 m Cross polarized 5X objective



S6 Depth: 5.0-6.1 m Plane polarized 50X objective



S6 Depth: 5.0-6.1 m Cross polarized 50X objective





S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Plane polarized 5X objective

S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Cross polarized 5X objective



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S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Cross polarized 10X objective



S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Plane polarized 10X objective



S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Plane polarized 50X objective

S7 Depth: 12.2-13.7 m Cross polarized 50X objective





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