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you to collapse the pack into a back-hugging pod for short tours. **GRIPES:** The back panel doesn't support heavy loads well; the A-frame ski-tail straps are too narrow for fat skis. **PROPS:** With six pockets and compartments, you'd have to consciously try to be disorganized.

EXTENDED TRIPS

BLACK DIAMOND QUANTUM 55L

3,357 cu. in.; 3 lb., 8 oz.

\$240; blackdiamondequipment.com

With removable parts (waist belt, interior frame, and lid), the Quantum transforms from a three-and-a-half pound multi-day pack to a 2-pound summit-assault pack as needed. Tough, lightweight, sailclothlike fabric stands up to branches and edges. It's not a ski-specific pack, but it A-frames skis easily.

GRIPES: No dedicated pockets or pouches for skins; avy gear ends up deep inside or strapped precariously to the outside. **PROPS:** Moonlights as your summer backpack.

JANSPORT WHITTAKER LR

4,400 cu. in.; 5 lb.

\$270; jansport.com

If a long summit bid or a multi-week traverse is in your plans, this cavernous pack will schlep everything you'll need. Ascent-friendly features (load-stabilizing straps, gear loops) are well matched with ski-specific tweaks (snug fit, side ski straps, helmet recess). Basically it's a mountaineering pack that doesn't discriminate against skiers. **GRIPES:** With so much room, you'll be tempted to overpack. **PROPS:** Rubber-reinforced side-carrying straps fit wide skis.

