Abiathar

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I took a ski up Abiathar today, and have mostly good things to say. I dug a hand pit at the base of the apron below the north face (~9200') and found preserved surface hoar about 20 cm down. A pit at the base of the north face (~9500') was 175 cm deep, and gave an ECTN18 on a couple centimeters of small facets about 20 cm down.

I took my shovel and was able to wobble the entire column back and forth a dozen times or so without it fracturing, so the snowpack there seems to be well-consolidated, for now. I don't know how widespread the surface hoar and facets are, but they seem to have been buried around the same time, and will be worth digging around for once we get some more snow.

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