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Three Swan Rangers hiked up the Peterson Creek Trail Saturday in only a light sprinkle of rain at times.

They turned around where the trail joins with the Broken Leg Divide Trail, taking a bit of a side loop by following the old Peterson Creek Trail down the main ridge for a ways rather than the newer trail of lesser grade with more switchbacks.

It was a quiet day in the woods, with a damp carpet of larch needles and the leaves of birch and cottonwood. While the fall colors are now past their peak, they are nonetheless a welcome contrast to the grayer skies that are bringing some much needed rain.

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for breakfast at 8:30, leaving at 9:30 for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

Everyone is Welcome!

Don't forget to wear some hunter orange out there as big game hunting season continues!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



The Peterson Creek Trail crosses Patterson Creek soon after leaving the old logging road that is the first leg of the trail.



The Peterson Creek Trail passes through a somewhat open southern slope sprinkled with large Douglas fir and ponderosa pine trees and offers nice views of the valley below.