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Sixteen Swan Rangers skied a big loop in Krause Basin Saturday, going up a couple of old logging roads and returning on the unplowed Strawberry Lake Road.

The snow was wonderful, the trees still hang full of snow, and the streams remain naturally bridged by deep snow in Krause Basin.

This is one of the Rangers' favorite places to ski due to the unique hemlock forest and the gentle rise in elevation that accesses deeper snow with modest skiing skills.

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.

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



A large but cohesive group skis through State Forest land on the way to National Forest land.



The snow deepens considerably by the time the first crossing of South Krause Creek is reached.



The terrain steepens a little as the trail heads up South Krause Creek to Strawberry Lake Road.



There are always new and amazing snow sculptures in Krause Basin . . .



. . . including snow ghosts!