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Eleven Swan Rangers skied up through the North Fork of Krause Basin Saturday, looping back to Foothill Road via the Peters Ridge Road.

It was a pleasant day, beginning with a cloud ceiling high above the peaks, champaign powder on plenty of older snow, and with nice views of Flathead Lake and the Bigfork area before the cloud ceiling began to lower.

Last weekend's wind storm dropped a few big trees across the old road stemming north from Strawberry Lake Road in the recently logged area, but they can be easily detoured around.

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:



Swan Rangers cross South Krause Creek in a deja vu moment from last week.



The crossing of North Krause Creek, however, is much less common and more remote.



A short climb up from North Krause Creek to Peters Ridge Road provides excellent views of Flathead Lake and the Bigfork, Echo Lake and Ferndale areas.