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Five Swan Rangers hiked the old Bear Creek road into the mouth of Wolf Creek Canyon Saturday, then uphill to check out some big game winter range on the flank of Broken Leg Mountain.

There was plenty sign of deer and elk on the hillside, but the mule deer we saw were down low, feasting on the newly green grass in the ditches along Highway 83!

In spite of the winter storm watch, we had a great outing and watched it snow over Kalispell and Somers while on the side of Broken Leg, at times in the sun!

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

Photos by Keith Hammer (next page):



A peak into Wolf Creek Canyon showed snow blowing along hillsides as a storm front moved into the Flathead area.



The burned areas on the side of Broken Leg Mountain provide browse and winter range for deer and elk, along with nice views of the Ferndale area.