

November 8, 2008

Eight Swan Rangers hiked the Peterson Creek Trail as far as the old Red Owl burn Saturday, where they had great views of fog and clouds strewn across the valley below. They found only a couple inches of snow at the higher elevations and the day turned out not nearly as rainy as it looked like it may have!

This marked the third anniversary of the Saturday Swan Ranger outings, which began on November 12, 2005. Since then, 183 different individuals from around the world have participated in the 155 outings and the group size has averaged about seven. The outings are a great way for folks to forge friendships and learn about issues confronting the Swan Range while getting heart-healthy exercise and just plain having a good time.

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 on following pages:



The Peterson Creek Trail winds through lush spruce-fir forest . . .



. . . as it climbs to offer great views from open hillsides in the old Red Owl burn.



Hiking through a little slush is a small price to pay . . .



. . . for rising above the valley fog!

