

January 17, 2009

Fourteen Swan Rangers snowshoed a loop in the Peterson and Patterson Creek area Saturday on snow turned very hard by lower temperatures. The promised inversion did not materialize, so they did not strive to climb above the fog as anticipated.

Though the sky was gray and cloudy the Rangers nonetheless got in several hours of good exercise and companionship! Judging by the tracks of deer and elk, it would be a tough winter to be one as the snow is currently deep and hard.

As a token of appreciation for the fuel these Swan Rangers saved by car pooling and choosing non-motorized recreation, Swan View Coalition is donating \$20 to Energy Share Montana to help folks with fixed or low incomes heat their homes - something we hope to repeat each Saturday throughout the winter.

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 page:



Old logging roads that stem from the Peterson Creek Road offer a variety of loops . . .



. . . and cross both Peterson and Patterson Creeks several times!