

February 28, 2009

Ten Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed a large loop in Krause Basin Saturday, in a foot of fresh snow and under sunny skies! They followed the old fire-line path east of the Strawberry Lake Road and along the foot of Infinity Ridge, then crossed Strawberry Lake Road at the horse-hitching rail and down the old roads along Krause Creek.

The fire-line route was a first for most Rangers, travelling among big cedar and hemlock trees and crossing a couple of small streams. Fresh tracks of pine marten crossed their path in a half-dozen places!

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:



Turning off Strawberry Lake Road near the beautiful spring that is a source of Echo Creek.



A blue sky above towering hemlock and cedar trees draped with snow!



An unidentified Swan Ranger demonstrates the fine art of skiing with your skis attached to your hands instead of your feet!