

March 21, 2009

Six Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed the road into Peterson Creek Trail and up the trail to near the first switchback Saturday. In spite of forecast rain, it was a wonderful, sunny spring day with great spring snow conditions!

They saw tracks of mountain lion, wolverine, elk, and moose, and plenty of signs of spring! The snow is melting fast, along with the snow bridges over streams.

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 pages:



A sunny first full day of Spring 2009!



The road toward Broken Leg Mountain likely won't be skiable after another few days of warm weather!



The snow bridge over Peterson Creek has melted.



And the cottonwood buds are all swelled up, a sure sign of spring!