

April 18, 2009

Seven Swan Rangers snowshoed a beautiful day on rotten snow in Krause Basin Saturday. The warm weather is quickly turning the remaining snow to slush that at times appears to have no bottom!

They saw their first tracks of bear for the season and, making a bit of a bushwhack to loop between the south and north fork of Krause Creek, came across tracks and sign of elk on an open ridge they'd been seeking. It was a beautiful day sprinkled with the wringing out of wet socks and a bit of snowshoe repair!

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. Those times will move up an hour earlier beginning May 2.

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:



"We're not going to put the snowshoes on until we absolutely have to!"



Crossing Krause Creek on a log on snowshoes: the Swan Ranger Shuffle!



It was another sunny Saturday . . .



. . . a real dog day afternoon!