

September 5, 2009

Fifteen Swan Rangers hiked Peterson Creek Trail #293 up into the old Red Owl burn for some majestic views and a light rain shower. For those that didn't split right after lunch, huckleberry fritters were had in celebration of Fawn's first anniversary with the Rangers!

Fresh motorcycle damage to the trail was evident and several wished to report the rutted switchbacks and shortcuts to the Forest Service. Emails should be sent to Swan Lake District Ranger Steve Brady at sbrady@fs.fed.us and to Flathead Forest Supervisor Cathy Barbouletos at cbarbouletos@fs.fed.us.

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30** 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

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



When you come to a fork in the trail, take it!



The old Red Owl burn offers great views; here looking north along the Swan Crest.



Lunch was had on a rocky point with the pass into Quintonkin Creek and the South Fork Flathead further up the trail (background).



With Swan and Flathead Lakes in the background, a toast is made with huckleberry fritters!