

December 12, 2009

Six Swan Rangers hiked and skied a couple old roads stemming from Peters Ridge Road Saturday, although they quickly proved too brushy for the sole skier in the group.

What snow was on the ground is cold and silky but has no firm base beneath it - but that should change with significant snowfall forecast for tonight and Sunday and warmer temperatures next week!

The Rangers saw tracks of mountain lion for the first time this winter and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas out there as well!

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

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Rangers enjoy one of the few un-brushy spots in the outing!



This ponderosa pine got all "spruced up" for the holidays by turning some needles red and donning a cap of new fallen snow.