

January 23, 2010

Thirteen Swan Rangers hiked and snowshoed a loop across the knob between Strawberry Lake Road and Krause Basin, not wanting to miss out on the ice, crust, and otherwise boilerplate snow conditions!

After a long descent through dark hemlock forests, sunlight and brightly lit overcast skies give pause for the eyes to readjust! The Rangers saw lots of wildlife tracks, but the snow is old enough most are hard to identify.

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you soon,



Keith

Photos on following page(s) by Keith Hammer:



The "Green Girls" compare snowshoes before heading out.



The "Green Girls," at right, attempt to mingle with the rest of the group.



It's all downhill from here! The Rangers drop through hemlock forest toward Krause Creek.