

April 3, 2010

Sixteen Swan Rangers hiked the closed Peterson Creek Road and up the Peterson Creek Trail until the snow deepened beyond the south slope with the wonderful ponderosa pines.

Half of the group were out for their first Swan Ranger outing, so there were lots of interesting conversations and friendships made. It was a rather chilly day, but warmed with lots of good companionship.

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

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



The Rangers group back up before leaving the road at the trail head.



Peterson Creek Trail soon crosses first a small side stream . . .



. . . then the larger Patterson Creek (Peterson Creek is crossed earlier, on the road).



About half the group turned around in the nice ponderosa pines on the south slope, while the rest continued to deeper snow.