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Twelve Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed up the Peters Ridge Road today to get a nice look back down on the valley. The snow, though old, is surprisingly skiable due to non-freezing nighttime temperatures preventing a crust from forming.

The trees at mid and lower elevation are snow-free in this warmer weather, but the trees and cliffs on the peaks and high ridges appear to be heavily rimed.

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.

There's enough snow that either cross-country skis or snowshoes are necessary.

Everyone is welcome!



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Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



Swan Rangers pose at "the overlook" on Peters Ridge Road with Infinity Ridge and Spider Bowl in the background.



"The overlook" provides nice views of Echo and Flathead Lakes to the south!



Snowshoes are a good, stable option when skiing conditions are in question.



Olson Creek flows past a snow pack creased with moisture from warm temps and rain.



The top of Peters Ridge comes into view as skiers round a corner.



The cliffs in upper Krause Basin are white with rime.