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Fourteen Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed a loop up the old Krause Basin Road and down Strawberry Lake Road, after watching it rain hard on the parking lot at the Echo Lake Cafe. They encountered only brief drizzle and sleet in Krause Basin, however.

There remains snow aplenty in Krause Basin and the moral of the story is never judge a book by its cover and never judge the weather from the Echo Lake Cafe!

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!



Keith

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What's a little rain to the Swan Rangers!?



Pick your snow bridge wisely!



Snow continues to pile up in Krause Basin as it rains in the valley.



A narrow spot in the trail, surrounded by hemlock trees.



Signs of civilization along Strawberry Lake Road.



A local family has a ball sledding along the first stretch of Strawberry Lake Road!