February 26, 2011

Six Swan Rangers took a refreshing ski in sub-zero temperatures Saturday, skiing up the Forest Service road and trail as far as Patterson Creek. Though windblown in a few places, the snow was surprisingly silky and provided nice glide on the return trip!

The Rangers saw lots of tracks of deer on their winter range and cut tracks of wolverine as well! It was a great ski day in anticipation of rain forecast by Wednesday!

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!

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:
The Fearless Five!

If it walks like a duck, but has skis on . . . ?
If it waddles like a duck, but shows four and sometimes five toes, perhaps it's a wolverine?

Patterson Creek showing very little ice for several days of sub-zero temps.