March 5, 2011

Eleven Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed up the trail to Bond Falls Saturday. They started out in several inches of fresh snow, enjoyed plenty of sunshine along the way, but also got plenty of "rain" as the fresh snow melted and the trees dripped!

The snow pack is beginning to rot in spots, especially near seeps and springs - so get with it if you want to enjoy this winter's snow on the lower reaches of the Bond Lake Trail!

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:
A nice coating of fresh snow to start the day!

Crossing a small tributary to Bond Creek.
Crossing Bond Creek: high road or low road?

A western larch snag spirals into the sky!
Bond Falls, hidden behind ice and snow in the cleft of the cliff.

Soaking up a bit of sunshine!