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Twelve Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed several inches of fresh snow into the North Fork of Krause Basin Saturday. Eight continued on up to Peters Ridge Road and skied it back down to awaiting shuttle cars at Foothill Road. This makes for a nice 6.3 mile "loop," though it's a fun slide back down the steeper, old roads in Krause Basin as well!

We saw tracks of snowshoe hare, pine marten, coyote, elk, and deer - and 4WD pickup tracks that had rutted the dickens out of Peters Ridge Road trying to see what stuck is all about! While a bit of a gray day, we nonetheless enjoyed the fresh snow! We need to take this "winter" in any size dose we can get!

For a taste of skiing "Hemlock Alley" in Krause Basin, check out today's short video on our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/swanviewcoalition> on the "Cross-Country Skiing" playlist.

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!



Keith

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Once again, the Rangers come to a fork in the road and decide to take it!



Crossing South Krause Creek is simply a "point and shoot" endeavor on skis . . .



. . . while crossing the North Fork requires a bit more care!



The winter wonderland of "Hemlock Alley!"



Snack time at Peters Ridge Road, at an elevation of "I'm hungry!"



A nice glide on colder snow near cloud level!