March 3, 2012

Five Swan Rangers skied excellent snow in Krause Basin Saturday. Forecast rain did not materialize and a new skiff of graupel was instead laid on top of the 14" of snow that fell at the Foothill Road level last Sunday, with more in Krause Basin!

The Rangers saw tracks of snowshoe hair, bobcat and weasel. With temperatures warming, the Rangers made it most of the way out of the woods before the snow-bombs started slipping out of the trees!

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!

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:
Finally looking like winter, just before spring arrives!

The Rangers never tire of skiing Hemlock Alley!
In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday; a snow-cone-tree!

With great elasticity, the snow pack folds over a leaning birch tree!
Taking turns breaking trail . . .

. . . which isn't too bad from the rear!