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Seven Swan Rangers snowshoed up a ridge in the Bear Creek burns on the flank of Broken Leg Mountain Saturday, enjoying lots of companionship and sunshine.

The sign of browsing elk and mule deer was everywhere, along with what looked at a distance like the tracks of a belly-sliding wolverine. We saw mule deer, two eagles, a pileated woodpecker and ravens. While the woodpecker was uncharacteristically silent, there were lots of nuthatches making racket in the forest at the base of the hillside burns.

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.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer Photos



The south slopes of the Bear Creek Burns offer low snow depths and lots of browse for mule deer and elk, as well as mid-winter hiking for Swan Rangers.



It was a dog day afternoon for the Swan Rangers.