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The Lone Swan Ranger today skied up Infinity Ridge to practice the moving meditation known as Sustained Satisfaction.

When not out of breath, he was doing the math:

5 hours up / 1.5 hour down = a Satisfaction Quotient of 3.33333333 = Yippee!

In other words, the snow was steep and deep and the experience not cheapened by the use of helicopter or snowmobile on ascent, which greatly reduces the Satisfaction Quotient.

There were tracks of snowshoe hare galore, pine martin tracks, and fantastic views as clouds cleared out of the valley and rolled up the mountainsides!

The Lone Swan Ranger eats breakfast at random hours, leaving the office behind earlier on sunny days than rainy ones. He intends to take some friends along next trip up Infinity Ridge so they can help break 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.

Everyone is Welcome!

The Swan Rangers this Saturday will talk about the potential for a group snowshoe trip up Infinity Ridge the following weekend, with more modest turn-around points for those not wanting to make the 3,500' climb.

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



