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Trip Report

Snowshoeing From The Raven Lodge (snowshoeing)

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Sun Dec 26, 2010

 Leader: **Tim Penney**

Co-Leader:

Nine people turned out for this Boxing Day exercise trip to Helen Mackenzie Lake. We had to break trail the whole way out to the lake, but shared the hard work between several hardy souls.

The weather conditions were quite harsh. It was snowing for the whole trip and really blowing across the open areas and especially Helen Mackenzie Lake. We paid a brief visit to the lake and then returned to the shelter of the trees for a quick coffee break.

There was certainly an amazing amount of fresh snow since last Sunday. Piggott Creek bridge is now buried with at least 5 foot of snow above the railings and the creek is almost covered over in some places.

We were back to the vehicles by 1:30 and a few of us stopped in at the Raven Lodge for hot drinks before heading down the hill.

The road conditions were excellent and chains were not required although we did see that several cars were using them.

[A few more photos](#) are available for viewing.



Just heading out from Paradise Meadows
 [Tim Penney photo]



Close to the ponds before Piggott Creek bridge
 [Tim Penney photo]



On the ponds area

[Tim Penney photo]



Piggott Creek, nearly closed over in some places

[Tim Penney photo]



Lots of deep snow

[Tim Penney photo]



Lat hill before Helen Mackenzie Lake

[Tim Penney photo]



Blizzard conditions at the lake

[Tim Penney photo]



We didn't stay here very long

[Tim Penney photo]



SWI building quickly vanishing into the snow



Lots of snow coming off the roof of the Raven Lodge

[Tim Penney photo]

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