

Red Mt (5890' & 5880')

Salmon la Sac

Feb 13, 2011

Sunshine and powder in the east, high clouds at 2:00, spring like

Sunrise 7:14, Sunset 5:22

Carla, Nikolai, Tom, Janet, Jasper & Franklin

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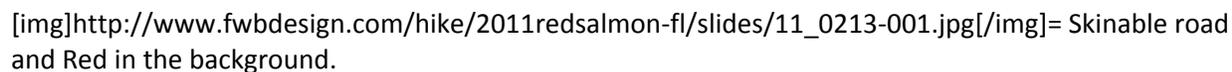
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Dacey, TDD, GeoTom, PiB, Jasper & fwb

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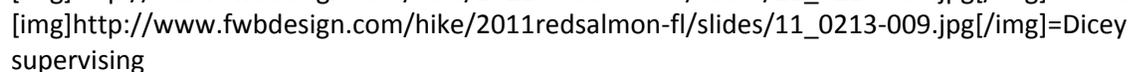
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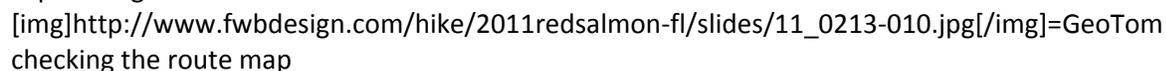
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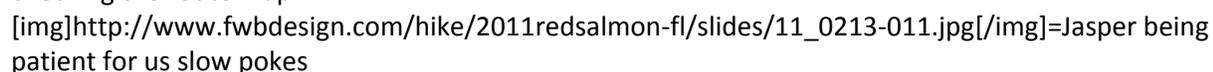
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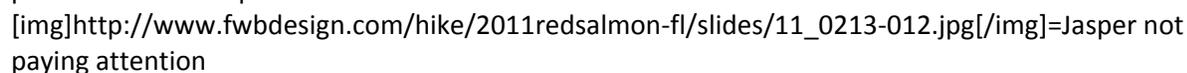
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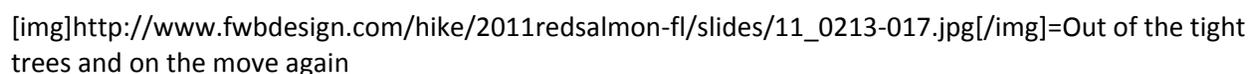
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