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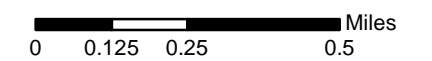
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Sterling Mine Ditch Trail

Deming to Wolf Gap Loop Ride 12 Miles

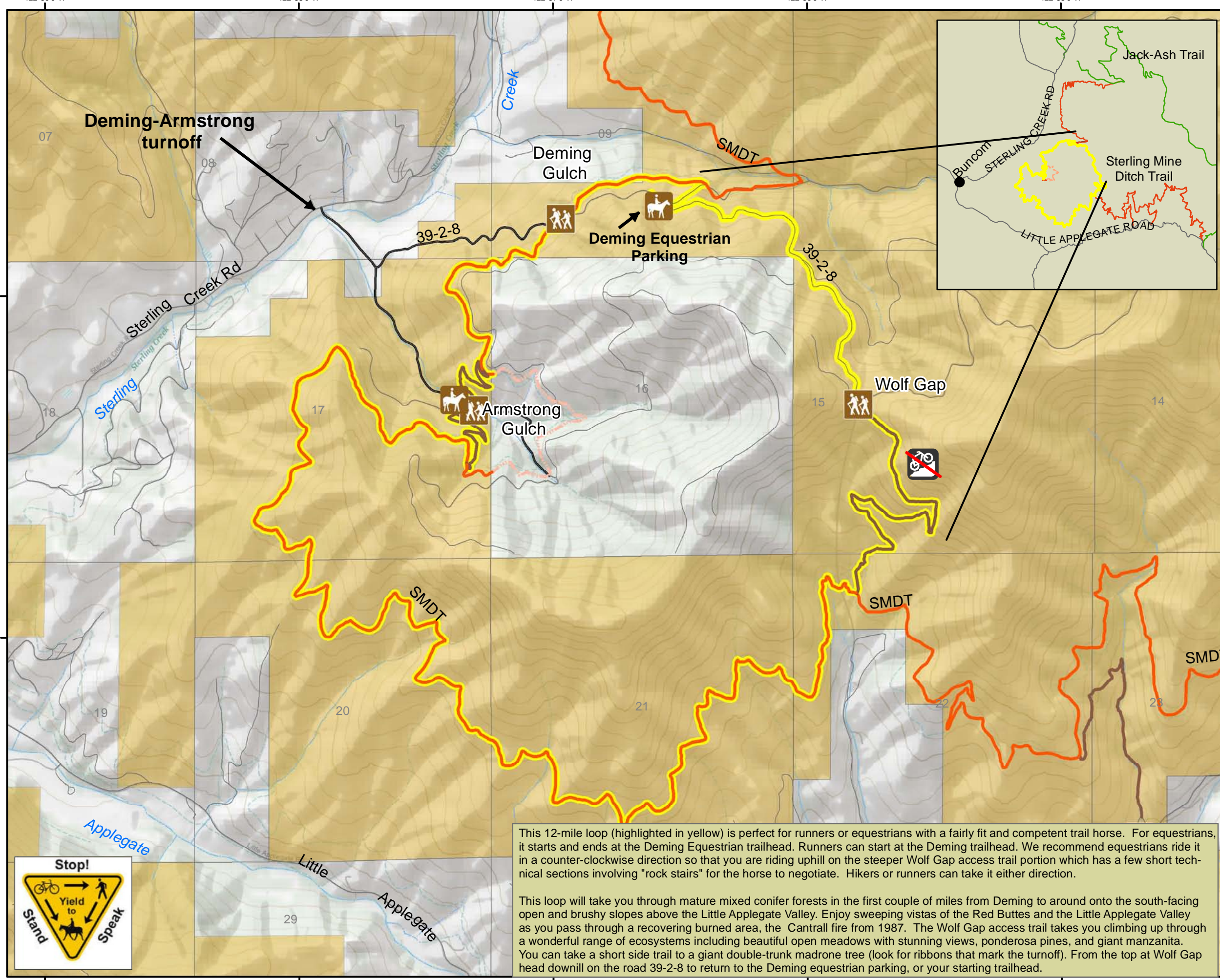
(Approximately 10 miles are on trail, and <2 miles are BLM road 39-2-8)

**Recommended for equestrians or distance runners.
(Wolf Gap access trail is closed to bicycles)**



Legend

- Loop (Yellow Highlight)
- Access Trail
- SMDT
- Ditch-Private
- Streams
- BLM
- Private
- Roads



This 12-mile loop (highlighted in yellow) is perfect for runners or equestrians with a fairly fit and competent trail horse. For equestrians, it starts and ends at the Deming Equestrian trailhead. Runners can start at the Deming trailhead. We recommend equestrians ride it in a counter-clockwise direction so that you are riding uphill on the steeper Wolf Gap access trail portion which has a few short technical sections involving "rock stairs" for the horse to negotiate. Hikers or runners can take it either direction.

This loop will take you through mature mixed conifer forests in the first couple of miles from Deming to around onto the south-facing open and brushy slopes above the Little Applegate Valley. Enjoy sweeping vistas of the Red Buttes and the Little Applegate Valley as you pass through a recovering burned area, the Cantrall fire from 1987. The Wolf Gap access trail takes you climbing up through a wonderful range of ecosystems including beautiful open meadows with stunning views, ponderosa pines, and giant manzanita. You can take a short side trail to a giant double-trunk madrone tree (look for ribbons that mark the turnoff). From the top at Wolf Gap head downhill on the road 39-2-8 to return to the Deming equestrian parking, or your starting trailhead.

