Directions to the Sterling Mine Ditch Trailheads

FROM DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE (driving on California St/Rt 238 heading towards Ruch):

- 1. Turn left on Oregon Street (the Good Bean Coffee shop will be on your left). Oregon Street turns into Applegate Street and again changes names to become Cady Road. Drive up curving road to the top of the hill about 1 mile (Sterling Mine Ditch Trail Sign on your right on Cady Rd).
- 2. Turn left onto Sterling Creek Road
- 3. Drive on Sterling Creek Road almost 9 miles, the Armstrong Deming Road is on your left between the 8 and 9 mile marker. (A small Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign will be on your right)

For Deming and Armstrong Gulch Trailheads:

- 4. Turn left onto the Armstrong- Deming Road, drive about 200 yards to "T" left is to Deming, right is to Armstrong.
- 5. <u>Deming trailhead</u> bear left, drive 7/10s of a mile up a gravel road to the Deming Trail sign on the right. Parking all along the road at different spots for cars- especially above the Deming trailhead. (Horse trailers: Large parking area 3/10s of a mile above trailhead to left and below Deming Rd)
- 6. <u>Armstrong Gulch Trailhead</u> bear right at "T", 7/10s of a mile to trailhead. Trailhead is currently on private property which is why there is no BLM sign. A by-pass trail around the private land will be built soon. Horse trailers: A large turn-around has just been completed about ½ mile up Armstrong Gulch on BLM land. Ride up to the trailhead (about 3/10s of a mile trail goes left or right. Small parking area for cars up by trail.

For Little Applegate Road Trailheads (Bear Gulch/ Tunnel Ridge/Little Applegate):

- 7. Continue on Sterling Creek Road to the end (Buncom) about 2 miles.
- 8. Bear left onto Little Applegate Road Note: at 3.2 miles the pavement ends and road becomes dirt (and Yale Creek Road bears right) Continue on Little Applegate Road.
- 9. The mileage to the three trailheads from the intersection of Sterling Creek Road and Little Applegate Road is:
 - a. Bear Gulch 5.9 miles
 - b. Tunnel Ridge 6.5 miles
 - c. Little Applegate Trailhead 8.2 miles
- **10.** All trailheads are on the left. All trailheads have parking and clear signs marking the trailheads. Horse trailer parking is available at all three trailheads. Water for horses from the Little Applegate River is accessible at Tunnel Ridge Trailhead.

FROM RUCH/ APPLEGATE (driving on 238 towards Jacksonville):

- 1. Turn right on Upper Applegate Road; drive approximately 3 miles, turn left onto Little Applegate Road
- 2. Drive about 2-3 miles on Little Applegate Road to intersection with Sterling Creek Road on your left (Buncom)

For the Deming and Armstrong Gulch Trailheads:

- 3. Turn left onto Sterling Creek Road to get to the Deming or Armstrong Gulch Trailheads
- 4. Drive about 2 miles to Armstrong-Deming Road on your right between the 9 and 8 mile marker
- 5. Turn right onto Armstrong-Deming Rd, follow Jacksonville directions #5 & 6

For the three Little Applegate trailheads

6. Continue on Little Applegate Road - follow Jacksonville directions at #9

FROM ASHLAND, TALENT, PHOENIX OR MEDFORD:

- 1. South Stage Rd from Route 99 to the intersection with Griffin Creek Road (Chevron Station on your right)
- 2. Turn left onto Griffin Creek Rd; drive about 1.5 miles; turn right onto West Griffin Creek (becomes Poorman Creek Rd)
- 3. Take West Griffin Creek/Poorman to "T" (approx 4 miles), to Sterling Creek Road turn left
- 4. Drive south on Sterling Creek Rd about 7 miles to Armstrong-Deming Road on the left (BLM Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign on the right). Armstrong Deming Road is between the 8 & 9 mile markers.
- 5. Follow directions above from Jacksonville to five trailheads #4-9