

Sterling Mine Ditch History Night – 2nd Edition

February 7th, 2013

6:30-8:30 PM

at the Jacksonville First Presbyterian Church,
425 Middle St., Jacksonville

Have you ever heard about, or visited the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail? It's practically in your backyard and a great place for a walk, run, horseback ride, or mountain bike ride!

Have you wondered about how the Ditch was built – dug by hand by 400 or so workers in less than a year in 1877? How exactly did it work to bring water to support gold mining at the Sterling Mine?

If you're curious about this historic feature that is a legacy of our region's mining past, and would like to learn more or have stories to share about it, come join us on February 7th!

The Siskiyou Upland Trail Association (SUTA) is sponsoring a second Sterling Mine Ditch history night to share and gather stories and information about the Ditch, and we invite anyone interested in learning more to join us. Lisa Rice, a Bureau of Land Management Archaeologist, Cheryl and John Henderson, local residents who have in-depth knowledge of Sterling Mine and the ditch, and Chant Thomas, a long-time local resident who has extensive knowledge of the natural history of the area will be there to share information, artifacts, stories, and photos of the ditch and the mining it supported. Several local residents will participate in a panel discussion/story-telling session facilitated by Paul Fattig of the Medford Mail Tribune, to share some of their memories and stories of 'the old days'. We hope that other local residents who have stories about the Ditch, Sterling Mine, or life in the Applegate during the mining days can come and share their stories so we can enrich our knowledge of our region's history.

Doors open at 6 for attendees to view artifacts, photos, and other information. The program begins at 6:30.

Along the Ditch today



Rock Wall along the Ditch



'The Tunnel'