This loop system (highlighted in yellow) presents an 8-mile loop (Tunnel to Little Applegate) and a 5-mile loop (Tunnel to Bear Gulch), or combine them in a figure-eight for a 14-mile loop that is perfect for runners or equestrians with a fairly fit trail horse. About 2.5 miles of that is on the Little Applegate road with its DG surface perfect for riding or running. Equestrians can start/finish at either Tunnel Ridge or Little Applegate Trailheads where there is room for a couple of horse trailers. You can ride or run these loops in either direction. You will go through the varied ecosystems from dense mixed conifer forests to open grassy knolls to oak-studded sideslopes. Enjoy sweeping vistas of the Red Buttes and the Little Applegate Valley.

Sterling Mine Ditch Trail
Tunnel Ridge to Little Applegate
to Bear Gulch
Figure-Eight Loops
(5, 8, or 14 Miles)

Approximately 11.5 miles are on trail, and 2.5 miles are on Little Applegate Rd