

Vote to Name the Signature Trail

Rank your top three such as:

- Front Range Ridge Trail
- Siskiyou Skyline Trail
- East Siskiyou Crest Trail

Suggest a Name for the Signature Trail for the chance to win two free hats!

Go to the website between now and September 4th, 2023 to submit a "name" for consideration. You can write additional comments about your recommendation. The ultimate decision on a name will be made by the respective Boards of SUTA and the ATA.

If you submit the chosen name you'll win both a SUTA hat and an ATA hat.



Trails you Can Currently Enjoy:

- Sterling Mine Ditch Trail
- East Applegate Ridge Trail
- Enchanted Forest
- Jack-Ash Phase I & II
- Grub Gulch
- Griffin Gap
- Anderson Ridge
- Greenstone
- Wolf Gap



WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU COMBINE THESE TRAILS?

**Jack-Ash
Applegate Ridge Trail (ART)
Wagner Butte
Split Rock**

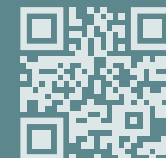
Answer: A 90-mile Oregon Signature Trail from the PCT near the California border to Grants Pass. Connector and day use access is planned including routes into Ashland and Jacksonville.

TO SUBMIT A NAME AND VOTE

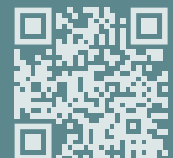
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The Trial Vision:

The Vision for a long-distance non-motorized trail along the ridges that divide the Applegate and Rogue watersheds was developed more than a decade ago. From this ridgeline, with numerous and spectacular views, the Applegate Valley falls away to one side and the Rogue Valley to the other. In places the high points are over 4000 vertical feet above the valleys below.

The length of the envisioned backbone trail is about 90 miles (PCT to Grants Pass).

We are working on a combined "trail name" but refer to it here as the Applegate Ridge Trail and the Jack-Ash Trail. The combined trail is now officially designated as an Oregon Signature Trail. Connecting trails into the cities of Grants Pass, Jacksonville and Ashland are planned. Additional 3-5 mile loops, popular with day-hikers, are also in the plan."

The combined trail needs a name. Much like the PCT that is made up of many different shorter trails, our combined trail needs a name. Our two main trails are the Applegate Ridge Trail (Jacksonville to Grants Pass) and Jack-Ash Trail (Jacksonville to Ashland). Help us find a new name and/or share your thoughts.



The Trail Organizations:

Conceiving of these trails is the easy part. The hard part is the decades of work that it will take to complete these trails.

Completing the trails does not happen without our two local all-volunteer non-profit trails organizations: the Applegate Trails Association (ATA) and the Siskiyou Upland Trails Association (SUTA). Both have worked steadily on this project for over a decade. Both the Jack-Ash (east end) and the Applegate Ridge Trail (ART) (west end) have undergone planning and construction for over 12 years. Phases of both long trails have been completed, some are under construction, and some are still in the planning stages. Maps on the back side more fully describe the status of built vs planned.



Next Phases:

CENTRAL AND NORTH ART:

This major middle section of the trail network, referred to as the Central ART and North ART, has been proposed and presented to the BLM. The next step is for the BLM to allocate the requisite resources and to begin the Environmental Assessment process. Included in the plan are a number of connector trails with easy access from Highway 238.

JACK-ASH PHASE II:

The BLM has approved 11 miles of new trails on Anderson Butte. One mile of the new trails has been constructed and funding for 5 more miles has been obtained under a Recreational Trails Program grant through ORPD and will begin this fall. Additional grant funding is being sought to complete the remaining miles of Phase II trails by the end of 2024.

WEST ART AND JACK-ASH PHASE III:

Detailed planning on these two sections is somewhere out in the future. The West ART spans about 20 miles within a largely roadless area, between Humbug Creek and Grants Pass. Jack-Ash Phase III will connect to Ashland and the PCT, and it's similarly wild and approximately 20 miles.

