

# DM64xx -- Moriarty Grid Square Confluence -- Moriarty Airport Road

## Site Description and Notes

### Geographic Coordinates

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<b>Latitude</b>	34° 59' 48" N	34° 59.80000' N	34.9966 N
<b>Longitude</b>	-106° 0' 32" W	-106° 0.53333' W	-106.00886 W

### Stats

- Ground Elevation 6,193 ' ASL
- Torrance County, NM
- ARRL: NM Section, Rocky Mountain Division

### Comments by Bill Schwantes, W7QQ -February, 2016

The main attraction at this site is it's one of four operating sites close to the confluence of four grids, DM65, 64, 75 and 74. Moving from one grid to another may be accomplished within 10 to 15 minutes and that makes this site attractive to the rover.

The site is located near the Moriarty Airport. From the west, on Interstate 40, take exit 196 south. This puts you on 5th street which is also Hwy 41. Travel south on Hwy 41 0.7 miles to Martinez Road and turn east (left). On Martinez Road, travel east 2.3 miles to the entrance of the Moriarty Airport, also called Applebay Way. Turn South (right) and find an operating spot on the shoulder of this road.

I'll be the first to say that this is not a great operating spot. Propagation on all bands is notably worse from here than other nearby grid spots. I've spent a lot of time searching for a better spot and have not found one nearby. For a rover staying close to the grid confluence, this spot is as good as it gets. You'll be able to reach stations in Albuquerque and communities east of Albuquerque as well as Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Taos on all bands 50 through 432. Working stations in Albuquerque is sometimes difficult due to the 10,600 foot Sandia Peak on the eastern edge of Albuquerque. The site is reasonably quiet and has good takeoff angles in all directions but it is on flat land with no possibility of a nearby high point.