

# DM65xa -- Moriarty Grid Square Confluence -- Moriarty Industrial Area

## Site Description and Notes

### Geographic Coordinates

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Latitude	35° 0' 4" N	35° 0.06666' N	35.00103 N
Longitude	-106° 1' 31" W	-106° 1.51666' W	-106.02541 W

### Stats

- Ground Elevation 6,209' ASL
- Torrance County, NM
- ARRL: NM Section, Rocky Mountain Division

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

The site is located in the Moriarty industrial area just inside the southern edge of DM65. 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 1.2 miles to Cam Oriente Rd. Turn left (north) and travel to the first right turn opportunity. Turn right on Industrial Loop Rd. and travel a short distance to a wide dirt intersection. This is the operating spot.

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.

This is not a great operating spot but it gets the job done for anyone circling the grid confluence. Propagation on all bands is notably worse (but still not bad) from here than other nearby grids. For a rover staying close to the grid confluence, this spot is as good as it gets. It's close to food and fuel. 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.