

## DM68ax Grand Mesa Scenic Byway (CO State Hwy 65)

### Site Description and Notes

#### Geographic Coordinates - DM68ax39GL

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<b>Latitude</b>	38°59'52.3"N		38.99781
<b>Longitude</b>	107°58'21.8"W		-107.972762

#### Stats

- Ground Elevation 9,275' ASL
- Delta County, CO
- ARRL CO Section, Rocky Mountain Division

#### Comments by Keith ('Jay') Morehouse W9RM – October 2019

The best one of several excellent sites in the DM68 corner for working from a southeast heading, all the way around through south, to a point west. This site is blocked by higher terrain from a little north of west, through north, to about 60-70 degrees. To the south and southwest, it is several thousand feet HAAT (height above average terrain), dropping off quickly beyond the roadside and continuing mostly down-slope into the valley. There are other options to the west and north on highway 65 that may offer comparable lines of sight of this is busy – choose which one works best for you.

At this location, there is a large pull-out on the south side of highway 65 which gets one out of traffic, which can be considerable on a summer day in June or July. Several vehicles can easily fit in this space, but be advised it can be crowded with sightseers on a busy summer day. While a superb location from May through early November, I would NOT suggest trying to use it when there is snow pack at higher elevations. While down slope over 1000' from the top of Grand Mesa, snowfall and snow pack can still be heavy at times.

This site is proven to produce QSO's and is an excellent location to the south or southwest. One should have coverage well into NM, UT and, possibly, the front range of CO from this location. This site has been used by rovers such as N0IO ( through 24 GHz), W7QQ and W0VOA. There are few active VHF/UHF stations in the west part of DM68.