

DM58xs Delta desert highlands & DM58/68 grid line

Site Description and Notes

Geographic Coordinates - DM58xs87IP

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Latitude	38°46'54.4"N		38.781778
Longitude	108°00'47.8"W		-108.013561

Stats

- Ground Elevation 5,120' ASL
- Delta County, CO
- ARRL CO Section, Rocky Mountain Division

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One of the better sites for microwave work up to the Grand Mesa grid corner (DM58/59/68/69). This is a proven microwave site through 24 GHz to the top of the Mesa. It's also relatively high above average terrain and, better yet, almost deserted. Bring hydration if you're planning on staying here long in the summer.

This site is proven to produce microwave QSO's with the other three grids in this corner. This site has been used by rovers such as N0IO (through 24 GHz), W7QQ and W0VOA. There is only one well set up VHF/UHF station in DM58 and that station (W9RM) is reachable on all bands from this location. There are NO other microwave stations in range, so bring a rover buddy or three.

This location is only minutes away from an excellent and accessible all-around location situated DIRECTLY on the DM58/DM68 grid line. This site is located about 2 miles east at the following coordinates: 38°46'30.1"N 107°59'59.9"W (38.775032, -107.999983). This location is accessed by turning right off CO highway 65 on to IRIS ROAD immediately after crossing the Gunnison River while heading north. Climb the hill and pull off at the 'U' bend. Use your GPS to access DM58 or DM68. DM58 requires you to pull over very close to the drop on the west – be careful! This site still gives good sight lines to Grand Mesa and improves your horizon to the south.