

## DM69aa Grand Mesa Scenic Byway (CO State Hwy 65)

### Site Description and Notes

#### Geographic Coordinates - DM69aa11LC

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Latitude	39°00'16.9"N		39.004653
Longitude	107°59'15.1"W		-107.987446

#### Stats

- Ground Elevation 9,505' ASL
- Delta County, CO
- ARRL CO Section, Rocky Mountain Division

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

This is one of several good to excellent sites in the DM69 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 approx 315 degrees around through north, to about 60-70 degrees. To the south and southwest, it is several thousand feet HAAT (height above average terrain), dropping off beyond the roadside and continuing mostly down-slope into the valley. There are some trees in your direct line of sight. There are other options to the west and north on highway 65 that may offer comparable lines of sight – choose which one works best for you.

At this location, there is a 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. No more than two vehicles will fit in this pull-out. 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. This point routinely sees several hundred inches of snow during the winter season, with 24 hour snow fall totals exceeding 30-40" common.

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 W7QQ and W0VOA. There are only a few VHF/UHF fixed station active from DM69's western end.