

Staff Ride

Resources



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

Thirtymile Fire – Travel Directions

The Thirtymile Fire site is located in the Chewuch River drainage of the Methow Valley Ranger District, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests. The site is 30 miles from the community of Winthrop and approximately 125 miles from Wenatchee, Washington.

Pangborn Airport, located in east Wenatchee is the closest airport providing daily airline flights. The key geographic locating feature is the Chewuch River just west of Winthrop, Washington. Many convenient lodging options are available in the nearby resort town of Winthrop, Washington. Because of limited parking space at some of the staff ride Stand locations it is recommended that staff ride groups arrange for either bus or van transportation. The North Cascade Smokejumper Base located on Eastside Road between the communities of Twisp and Winthrop provides a good location for groups to begin and end a staff ride event.

North Cascade Smokejumper Base to Stand 1

- Travel north on Eastside Road to Winthrop, Washington 4.7 miles
- Travel to Westside of Winthrop to West Chewuch Road
- Travel 7.5 miles on West Chewuch Road, at this point the road designation will change to Forest Service Road # 51
- Travel on Forest Service Road # 51 10.8 miles to Forest Service Road # 5160
- Travel on Forest Service Road # 5160 5.5 miles to Forest Service Road # 250. (paved road surface ends)
- Travel on Forest Service Road # 250 1.8 miles to Stand 1 location
- It is recommended that from the Stand 1 location the rest of the Thirtymile Fire Staff Ride continue on foot, total distance is approximately 1.5 miles.

Stand 1 Point of Origin

- Elevation – 3329 feet.
- GPS Coordinates 48.47.485x120.04.261

Stand 2 Log Crossing and Lunch Spot

- Elevation – 3299 feet
- NAD 27 GPS Coordinates 48.47.618x120.03.934
- ¼ mile walk up the road from Stand 1

Stand 3 Spot Fires

- Elevation – 3315 feet
- GPS Coordinates 48.47.640x120.03.652
- ¼ mile walk up the road from Stand 2

Stand 4 Deployment and Fatality Site

- Elevation – 3332 feet
- GPS Coordinates 48.48.035x120x02.601
- 1 mile walk up the road from Stand 3