

# Staff Ride Library



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

## Battlement Creek Fire - Travel Directions

The Battlement Creek Fire site is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Parachute, Colorado. Parachute, Colorado is located at exit 75 on Interstate 70. Parachute is approximately 1 hour, 50 miles East of Grand Junction, Colorado and approximately 3 ½ hours, 200 miles west of Denver, Colorado.

For information on road conditions and weather, visit <https://www.codot.gov/travel>

### Travel Directions

At Exit 75 on I-70, travel south on Garfield County Road 215, across the Colorado River, and up the hill toward Battlement Mesa.

At the entrance to Battlement Mesa, continue straight up the hill (past the waterfall) on N. Battlement Parkway/E. Battlement Parkway (County Road 301) for approximately 2 miles.

Turn left onto Four Corners Road (County Road 308) for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Underwood Lane (County Road 302) for approximately 5.2 miles.

Stay on the main road to the Battlement Creek Drainage (DO NOT turn right into Jack's Pocket just after the fire danger sign). Stand 1 is at the intersection of County Road 302 and the private Natural Gas Road (green gate).

### Logistics

Parachute has minimal lodging and meal accommodations for small groups. Larger group accommodations can be found in Grand Junction or Rifle. Access to the Battlement Creek area is dependent on snow pack and weather conditions. County Road 302 is a dirt road and may be very slick during wet or snow packed conditions. The trail to the fatality sites is steep and can be very slick during these same periods. Best access into the area is after mid-April. Parking is limited along County Road 302 at Stand 1 and 2, and approximately 6 – 10 vehicles in the primitive parking area between Stand 2.