Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

Cart Creek Fire – Travel Directions

Note to Facilitators: Visitors to the Firefighters Memorial are not required to pay an entrance fee to the campground. Parking is limited. Restrooms are located within the campground.

The Cart Creek Fire site is located approximately 1/2 mile south of the confluence of Cart Creek and Spruce Creek and 2 miles southwest of the Flaming Gorge Dam. The access point is a trailhead just east of Firefighters Memorial Campground. Snow free access is typically available from May through October.

From Vernal, UT to Stand 1 (Firefighters Memorial Campground)

40° 53.585' N, 109° 27.005' W

Driving Directions to Stand 1: From Vernal, Utah, take Highway 191, go 38 miles north towards Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

Turn right into Firefighters Memorial Campground. Follow the signs to the Firefighters Memorial.

Trailhead to Stand 2 (General fire site orientation, near location of H-1 and fire origin) 40° 53.446' N, 109° 26.355' W

Driving directions to Stand 2: From Stand 1 drive north on Highway 191 approximately 2.5 miles to the locked gate (40° 54.219' N, 109° 26.372' W) located on the right side of the highway. Accessing the two track dirt road through the gate will require a Forest Service key. Continue approximately ¼ mile on the two track road to the open area suitable for parking. Leave vehicles at this point and walk along the two track trail to the south approximately 0.5 miles to the foot bridge across Cart Creek (40° 53.818' N, 109° 26.303' W). Cross the foot bridge and follow the foot trail and ascend uphill south to the Stand 2 marker located at the large Ponderosa Pine tree.

If you do not have a Forest Service key, access may be obtained by calling the Ashley National Forest Supervisors Office, (435)789-1181, and ask for one of the following: Forest FMO, Flaming Gorge District Ranger, or North Zone FMO.

If you don't have a Forest Service key, and no Forest representative is available, you will have to park at the gate and walk in from there.

Stand 2 to Stand 3 (H-3)

40° 53.432' N, 109° 26.251' W

Walking directions: From Stand 2, walk east southeast (bearing 105°) approximately 870 feet to the Stand 3 marker. There is no designated trail.

Stand 3 to Stand 4 (Gene Campbell Fatality Site)

40° 53.407' N, 109° 26.270' W

Walking directions: From Stand 3, walk west (bearing 269°) approximately 480 feet to the Stand 4 marker.

Stop between Stand 4 and Stand 5 (Dave Noel Fatality Site):

40° 53.409' N, 109° 26.287' W

Walking directions: From Stand 4, walk west (bearing 270°) approximately 95 feet to the Dave Noel Fatality Site.

Stand 4 to Stand 5 (Dwight Hodgkinson Fatality Site)

40° 53.345' N, 109° 26.474' W

Walking directions: From the Dave Noel Fatality Site, walk west southwest (bearing 249°) approximately 960 feet to the Stand 5 marker.