

## Merriam Crater Slope Soaring

Merriam Crater is located North of Sheba Crater. Take the dirt road to the North (9.1 miles NE of our flying field). Drive 1.7 miles and take the sharp left up the slope along a fence. The road to the North Bench is the first Right about 0.9 miles. Continue up the road to reach the top. This site is only accessible by 4WD vehicle.

Best winds: The North Bench is fly-able with a NW to NNW wind. The top can be flown in NW to NE winds. The wind is usually stronger at the top as compared to the N. Bench. Huge thermals will be found in this area. As a result you will often be sharing the air space and launch area with the hang-gliders and para-gliders who own this property and maintain the access road. Take the time to introduce yourself. Many of the pilots also fly model gliders when it is too windy to fly their big toys. Fly safely! If it gets crowded, wait or fly somewhere else.

## Sheba Crater Slope Soaring

Best winds for the middle bench areas are from the South to Southwest, but you can fly any direction from the top.

Driving Directions: From I-40 in Flagstaff: Drive East on I-40 and take the Winona exit (#211). Drive West on the Townsend- Winona Road (County Road 510) two miles to Leupp Road (County Road 505). Go North on Leupp Road for 11.3 miles and turn right (East) on the dirt road. (continued below)

From Downtown Flagstaff: Drive East on Route 66 to the Townsend-Winona Road (County Road 510), East of the Flagstaff Mall. Drive East on Townsend-Winona Road for 7.9 miles to Leupp Road. Go North on Leupp Road (County Road 505) for 11.3 miles and turn right (East) on the dirt road. (continued below)

To access the middle bench and top flying areas you **MUST HAVE 4-WHEEL DRIVE!** These roads are fragile and will be destroyed by two-wheel drive vehicles. The roads are maintained by the local hanglider group. These folks also own the top of Sheba as well as Merriam Crater and other flying properties. Please help us keep the roads and flying sites in good shape.

