

It's pretty clear. $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| = 2^\omega$ through a simple bijection. We know through Cantor Diagonalization that this is strictly larger than ω , thus by definition of ω_1 (as the first cardinal after ω), $\omega_1 \leq 2^\omega$. Then I'm not sure why more of an argument would be necessary.

EDIT: To clarify a surjection would just be the identity until ω_1 as $\omega_1 \subseteq \kappa = 2^\omega$. The rest of the elements can all map to 0.

Alternatively:

Bijection \mathbb{N} with $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, Mostowski collapse well-orderings, and for those that are not WO do whatever you please (as long as you hit the finite ordinals).

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$\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ (without choice) so it suffices to find a surjection $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \omega_1$.

If A subset $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is a well-order on \mathbb{N} , $f(A)$ is its order type.
 Otherwise $f(A) = 0$.
 (being a well-order is a "formula", so a well-defined notion)

This is a surjection, as $\omega_1 =$ the set of all countable ordinals
 \cong all order types of well-orders on \mathbb{N}