

# Conde Nast Ranks Purg in Top 20

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## PURGATORY SELECTED AS TOP 20 RESORT BY CONDE NAST TRAVELER

### Resort opens this weekend with 21 inches of new snow

Durango, CO – Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort is starting the winter season on a high note. Not only did the resort receive 21 inches of new snow earlier this week, Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort was selected as one of the top 20 resorts in North America in the December 2006 edition of Conde Nast Traveler.

The list was selected by readers who were invited to evaluate 104 North American ski resorts that they had visited in the past three years, and rank the resorts on terrain and conditions, lifts and lines, town ambience, dining and apres ski/activities. Only resorts that received a required minimum number of responses were eligible for inclusion in these rankings.

Purgatory received the 20th spot on the list, receiving an overall score of 64.3. Terrain and Conditions were the highest ranked area for the resort with a score of 71.9, with Town Ambience close behind with 71.0 and Lifts and Lines rounding out the top three with a score of 68.8.

The ranking comes as the resort is preparing to open for the 2006-07 winter season. Benefit Day will kick things off on Saturday, December 2nd with \$10 lift tickets for children and \$15 lift tickets for adults. All proceeds from Benefit Day will go directly to the Durango Winter Sports Foundation. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time at Magpie's Newsstand, Albertson's and both City Markets, or on the mountain on Benefit Day.

Just in time for opening weekend, Purgatory Mountain received 21 inches of fresh snow earlier this week. The new snow, plus the best snowmaking opportunities of the season, will help mountain crews build a solid base for the upcoming winter. Updated weather reports, on-slope conditions and lifts and trails opening this weekend are available online at [www.durangomountainresort.com](http://www.durangomountainresort.com).