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

Durango, CO – Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort is starting the winter season on a high note. Conde Nast Traveler, the worlds premier travel magazine ranked Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort as one of the top 20 resorts in North America in their December 2008 issue.

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 20<sup>th</sup> spot on the list, receiving an overall score of 73. Terrain and Conditions were the highest ranked area for the resort with a score of 85.5, with Lifts and Lines close behind with a score of 80 and Town Ambiance rounding out the top three with a score of 72.7.

Purgatory earned higher marks in each category this year, reflecting guests' positive reviews as the resort continues to make significant upgrades to its base village facilities and prepares for future terrain expansion and mountain improvements.

The ranking comes as the resort is preparing to open for the 2008-09 winter season. Benefit Day will kick things off on Saturday, December 6th with \$15 lift tickets. All proceeds from Benefit Day will go to the American Red Cross and the Durango Winter Sports Foundation. Pre-Sale tickets can be purchased at Magpie's Newsstand, Albertson's, both City Markets, from ARC volunteers, DWSF athletes, and at DMR ticket offices.

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).

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