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## The Big Mountain Enduro Series Rolls into Purgatory Resort

**DURANGO, CO — (Aug. 18, 2021)** — The [Big Mountain Enduro](#) (BME) rolls into Purgatory Resort, Durango on August 28th for two big days in the saddle with grueling climbs and rowdy descents set against the backdrop of Colorado's mighty San Juan Mountains. This highly anticipated race series offers some of the biggest and most challenging mountain bike terrain in the U.S., featuring a combination of backcountry and lift-accessed stages at each tour stop.

Billed as North America's premier enduro bike racing series, BME draws pros and amateurs from around the country who enjoy mixing aerobic, cross country-type fitness with white-knuckled downhill racing skills. The event is capped (and sold out!) at 400 riders -- including 16 racers from New Mexico -- who will compete in eight separate events including uphill races and downhill time trials at Purgatory Resort. Finishing times are added up from all eight stages to give the riders a final time and ranking.

BME races incorporate a variety of terrain, testing riders on trails ranging from rough and steep to smooth and flowing. For this year's series, trail builders at Purgatory have created an outstanding trail system, including a combination of lift-accessed and backcountry trails, with 1,800 feet of descent to challenge the most competent of riders, without being intimidating for newbies. An established pathway to over 400-miles of high alpine singletrack, Purgatory Resort is the not-to-be-missed stop on the BME. Purgatory's biking roots run deep, from hosting the first-ever World Mountain Bike Championships World Cup in 1990 to an ever-expanding Bike Park with the Durango area's only lift-served mountain bike park and gravity flow trail.

More than just a race, the BME also provides opportunities for spectators, first-timers, and youth to experience world-class racing and a community of passionate mountain bikers, trail builders, and like-minded outdoor enthusiasts. Riders and spectators alike are invited to enjoy the festivities at Purgatory's base area throughout the weekend of racing.

Located just 25 miles north of Durango and surrounded by the majestic San Juan Mountains, Purgatory is the destination for an authentic Colorado mountain experience. Purgatory's Village Plaza base area features a vibrant assemblage of family friendly activities, lodging, retail shops, restaurants and bars. During winter Purgatory offers affordable lift tickets, few crowds and miles of varied terrain and scenic trails. In the summer, Purgatory provides hiking and lift-served mountain biking, plus a variety of family friendly activities, including the area's only Alpine

Slide and Mountain Inferno Coaster. Visit [Purgatory.ski](http://Purgatory.ski) to learn more. New for the 2021-22 ski season, Purgatory's free season pass for kids will now be available for ages 12 and younger. [Power Kids](#) is the only season pass in North America that grants free unlimited skiing and riding to all kids ages 12 and under, no blackout days or purchase required.

Purgatory is tucked away between Durango and Silverton in the rugged San Juan Mountains along the San Juan Scenic & Historic Byway. In 2021 the San Juan Mountains are more accessible than ever with the addition of Frontier Airlines, plus new non-stop service to Las Vegas from DRO.

As part of the resort's multi-year capital improvement plan, Purgatory will also complete significant upgrades for snowmaking and lift maintenance, plus trail improvements and new dining offerings to enhance the guest experience for the 2021/22 ski season. On the mountain, crews are busy removing secondary growth from Purgatory's acres of gladed trees, upgrading snow-making capacity and updating chairlifts. In the last six years, Purgatory has added three new chairlifts, expanded terrain and gladed tree skiing, and new snowmaking infrastructure.

At the resort, the [Durango Hot Springs Spa at Durango Mountain Club](#) opened in June 2021, offering a variety of massage treatments and modalities. Spa guests at Purgatory receive a complimentary pass to soak at the Durango Hot Springs during their stay. At Paradise Pizzeria visitors will experience a newly envisioned menu featuring artisan pizza with homemade focaccia bread, pizza dough and sauce, house-smoked and pulled mozzarella, specialty cocktails and local craft beer.

This winter signature events range from live music and pond skating to fat bike races and NYE fireworks. Purgatory's Village Plaza base area features a vibrant assemblage of family friendly activities, lodging, retail shops, restaurants and bars. This winter Purgatory offers affordable lift tickets, few crowds and miles of varied terrain and scenic trails.

### **About Purgatory**

Purgatory is tucked away between Durango and Silverton along the San Juan Skyway, on the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains. One of Colorado's most family-friendly ski resorts, Purgatory features 1,605 skiable acres of steep tree skiing and wide-open cruisers; plus year-round family-friendly activities, lodging, retail, restaurants, bars, and signature events. Home to Colorado's largest guided snowcat operation, Purgatory Snowcat Adventures covers 35,000 acres of rolling glades, wide-open bowls, cliffs, chutes, gullies and trees. Visit [Purgatory.ski](http://Purgatory.ski) to learn more.