



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**100 Days until Ski Season!**

*Arizona Snowbowl Opens Nov. 16!*

*Purgatory Resort & Sipapu Resort Open Nov. 17!*

DURANGO, Colo. – Ski Season is right around the corner! With 100 days until the kick off of ski season for Arizona Snowbowl (Nov. 16), Purgatory Resort and Sipapu Ski & Summer Resort, which open for the 2018/2019 season on Saturday, Nov. 17.

“Everyone at Snowbowl is excited for ski season to begin Nov. 16,” stated J.R. Murray, general manager at Arizona Snowbowl. “With our state-of-the-art snowmaking system which covers more than 65 percent of trails, Snowbowl is able to be the first to open in the state, provide a consistent ski product, and stay open longer because of all the work we do at the beginning of the season.”

El Nino is forecast for the winter, which means more powder days! The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is currently predicting El Nino conditions for this winter, which tend to produce greater than average snowfall across the southern Rockies, benefiting southwestern Colorado.

“We can’t wait for the first snowflakes to fall at Purgatory, and our crews are already prepping the mountain for Nov. 17th,” stated Elizabeth Howe, general manager at Purgatory Resort. “We’re looking forward to a fantastic ski season, and can’t wait to be back on the snow with our guests.”

**Kids Ski FREE!**

Every child who is in fourth grade and younger receives [a FREE season pass](#) – no other purchase required. The free pass provides unlimited, direct-to-lift access with NO blackout dates to [Purgatory](#), [Sipapu](#), [Pajarito Mountain](#), [Arizona Snowbowl](#), and [Hesperus Ski Area](#), and is valued at \$399.

Other ski areas in the collective owned and managed by Mountain Capital Partners include Pajarito Mountain and Hesperus Ski Area, both opening Dec. 21, and Nordic Valley Ski Resort which will open Dec. 7. Mountain Capital Partners, the Southwest’s largest ski area collective has invested a grand total of \$40 million over four consecutive seasons to make improvements to the guest experience, enhancements to the mountains, and to provide something new and exciting for locals and visitors alike.

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