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Electric vehicle fast charging station opens at Purgatory Resort; Local EV charging corridor complete

DURANGO, Colo. – An electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging station is now available for public use at Purgatory Resort thanks to a partnership between the resort and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). Located on Purgatory Blvd. behind the Kendall building, the new station completes the EV fast-charging corridor running through LPEA’s service territory. Other fast charging stations are already available at Centennial park in Pagosa Springs and at the [Durango Transit Center](#) in Durango.

To inaugurate the station, LPEA and Purgatory Resort will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 1st at 11:00 a.m.

“We are thrilled to have completed our portion of the statewide EV fast-charging corridor, which will allow EV drivers to traverse Colorado, from corner to corner, without range anxiety,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “We are grateful to the Town of Pagosa, the City of Durango, and now Purgatory Resort for partnering with us on this important initiative.”

Funded by the Colorado Energy Office and LPEA, the station is open 24-hours a day and costs 30 cents per kilowatt hour. An “idle fee” of 30 cents per minute is also charged when a vehicle is left plugged in longer than 10 minutes after charging is complete. Unlike standard level 2 EV chargers, which take 3 to 8 hours for a full charge, these level 3 DC fast chargers take less than 30 minutes.

“Purgatory is honored to play a small role in the completion of this statewide initiative and looks forward to welcoming EVs with ski and bike racks to the mountain,” said Purgatory’s marketing director Amanda Anderson. “We’d like to extend a big thank you to our partners at LPEA for making this enhancement happen for our guests, homeowners, and employees.”

In 2018, the Colorado Energy Office released the Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan, which aims to build EV fast-charging infrastructure within Colorado through public-private partnerships.

The fast-charging stations will be located in 34 communities along six corridors in Colorado, allowing travelers and locals alike to drive an EV anywhere in the state.

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About LPEA

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit lpea.coop.

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’s Power Kids season pass grants free unlimited skiing and riding to all kids ages 12 and under, no blackout days or purchase required. Purgatory features 101 trails, 8 terrain parks, 12 lifts, and 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. PurgatoryResort.com.

