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Elevation gain

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The 3rd annual Durango MTB 100 returned to the San Juan Mountains for another lung-busting grunt on the trails surrounding Durango Mountain Resort. Approximately 50 riders willingly signed up for what is advertised as the hardest 100-mile mountain bike race in the country. An additional group of hardy cycling enthusiasts joined in on the action, competing in the 50K and 100K divisions. Heavy rains the night before the race and intermittent showers the day of made for a wet, exhausting race course. Durango local David Drake powered through the course and won the 100-mile race for the second consecutive year, finishing in 9 hours and 54 minutes. Christy Kopasz won the women's 100-mile division in 12 hours and 29 minutes.



Racers begin the 100-mile haul from Durango Mountain Resort at 6:30 a.m., well before the sun peaks through the rain soaked clouds.



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