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**Cheyenne Mountain Resort's Mike VanDuzer
Honored with Prestigious 2009 Chairman's Award**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, November 4, 2009 – Mike VanDuzer, Director of Facilities at **Cheyenne Mountain Resort**, has been honored with the 2009 Chairman's Award, the highest recognition by Benchmark Hospitality International, which operates the resort.

“There is no one more deserving of this award than Mike because, each and every day, he makes both Cheyenne Mountain Resort and our community a little bit better,” said Laura Neumann, Vice President and General Manager of Cheyenne Mountain Resort. “With his dedication to both the resort and the community, he has not only represented but lived the Benchmark core values of integrity, individualism, entrepreneurship, partnership, realism and service.”

The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award within Benchmark, and celebrates not only those individuals who demonstrate excellence with significant impact but also serves to reinforce Benchmark's core values. Only one Benchmark employee is awarded this prestigious award annually.

VanDuzer received the Benchmark Chairman's Award for his extraordinary performance in enhancing the physical plant and guest experience at Cheyenne Mountain Resort and his dedication to serving the people of Colorado Springs and making a difference in their lives.

Among the organizations he supports and is involved with are: the Boys and Girls Club of America; Marian House, where he volunteers in the local soup kitchen; Adopt a Highway, where he has been instrumental in organizing and participating in resort clean-up activities; Board of Directors for Hook Ministries, a prison ministry; AWANA, where he assists in nurturing young people; and Crossroads Ministries, a Christian, non-profit ministry, where he helps meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the elderly residing in care centers which he visits weekly.

At Cheyenne Mountain Resort, he has taken personal responsibility for aggressively tackling all preventative maintenance issues, addressing short and long term capital needs along with protecting and growing the resort's asset value, determining and managing sustainability initiatives, and serving as chair of the Safety Committee. During his tenure, Cheyenne Mountain Resort has achieved a number of milestones including becoming a member of the Green Hotels Association, partnering with the Pikes Peak Sustainability Business Network, and achieving Silver Tier Green Star certification from the International Association of Conference Centers. He is currently pursuing green certification through Green Seal which, if successful, would make the resort the first Green Seal certified lodging establishment in the state of Colorado.

VanDuzer has had an accomplished and highly successful 16-year career with Benchmark. Prior to joining the team at Cheyenne Mountain Resort in 2006, he was Director of Property Operations at Lansdowne Resort, Lansdowne, Virginia.

Set on 217 lush acres, Four Diamond Cheyenne Mountain Resort features 316 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, each with a private balcony with mountain and golf course views; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; a championship Pete Dye-designed 18-hole golf course; five swimming pools; 18 tennis courts, squash and racquetball courts, and a pro shop; Health & Fitness Center; Aquatics Center, and a 35-acre recreation lake where guests enjoy sailboards, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, volleyball on a sand beach, and catch-and-release fly fishing (the lake is stocked with big German Browns and rainbow trout). Contact 719-538-4000 or toll-free 800-428-8886, or visit www.cheyennemountain.com

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