

Improvements are reported in larger ski areas, several of which will be scenes of Pacific Northwestern ski association jumping and racing tournaments.

Mt. Hood national forest at the northern end of Oregon's Cascade mountains offers the largest number of individual areas, with seven available for winter sports fans. *The Timberline Lodge area*, 63 miles from Portland on the south slope of Mt. Hood, above Government Camp, U. S. Highway 50, attracts visitors from early November to early June. The lodge itself accommodates 250 guests. Dormitory accommodations are also available. The parking area has space for 700 cars.

Facilities include a chair lift, 5000 feet long with a rise of 1000 feet, and three rope tows of 400, 500 and 600 feet in length. Problems of operating the chair lift during heavy snows were solved during 1948 by building a tunnel at the lift entrance to prevent snow piling up. A number of steel towers were raised where drifts were particularly high.

Mid-winter timberline snow is from 8 to 20 feet deep with temperatures averaging around 24 degrees above zero. Ski classes will be underway throughout the winter.

Multorpor ski area south of Government Camp on U. S. Highway 50 offers rope tows of 1,200 feet with a lift of 500 feet, one of 300 feet in length and a lift of 50 feet. Multorpor offers A, B and C jumping hills, as well as sporty downhill and slalom terrain.

West of Government Camp, the Tom-Dick ski bowl offers a public ski shelter, chair lift of 3,500 feet with a rise of 800 feet and two rope tows of 700 and 500 feet in length. The former has a rise of 250 feet and the latter of 100 feet.

North of Government Camp, Windy Hill has two rope tows, each 400 feet in length with a rise of 75 feet.

The Summit area east of Government Camp operates three ski tows of 1000, 400 and 600 feet in length with rises

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