

ing nothing, as might be inferred by the language, but will be held to strict conformance with the Civil Service Rule XI, Section 5 which states that the dismissing action or demoting must be initiated by the appointing authority in the department.

It seems that the procedure contemplated by the State Highway Department is commendatory and, when wisely used, should help in preventing the hiring of unqualified people, thus improving the morale and efficiency of its regular status employees.

Oregon Winter Sports Places to Go; Things to Do

We are indebted to the Travel Information Department of the Oregon State Highway Commission for the following account of the what and where of Oregon's winter sports activities. We hope this article will be of interest to our readers and will serve them well in planning participation in healthful outdoor exercise and recreation.

Oregon winter sports activities for the 1949-50 winter and spring season are off to an early, fast moving start as a result of substantial pre-season snows, the Oregon state highway commission travel information department reported this week.

Abundant, winter-long snow depths are expected for all of the more than 20 snow sports areas to be in operation. Of these, 17 are in Oregon's 13 national forests, with others at Crater Lake national park, on non-federal lands at the summit of the Siskiyou mountains and at local points near towns and cities.

Of innovations and improvements, the major projects are centered in Mt. Hood national forest, approximately 60 miles east of Oregon's metropolis of Portland. Here the first aerial tramway in the Far West is scheduled for operation this winter, carrying skiers and visitors from Government Camp 3.5 miles, with a lift of 2500 feet, up the slopes of Mt. Hood to Timberline Lodge.

The Timberline ski area, above the 6000 foot elevation, reports the installation of a platter-pull lift, 2000 feet long with an 18 per cent average slope. Its location in a sheltered glade assures enjoyable skiing even when unfavorable weather causes curtailment of operations on slopes above the lodge.

The mile-long chair-lift covers a vertical rise of 1000 feet and is in operation throughout the year, being popular with sightseers in summer. A 600-foot practice tow is in operation daily for "limbering up" and for the practice of ski fundamentals.

Slopes above Timberline connect with three miles of sheltered trails to Government Camp to offer excellent skiing in all types of weather. Spring and summer skiing is accelerated by a new tow on the Palmer snowfield, about one-half mile above the chair lift. A new three-lane highway from Government Camp to Timberline is scheduled to be ready for winter travel this year.

Timberline Lodge, itself, accommodates 100 guests, supplemented by dormitory accommodations. Ski rentals, ski instructions and a complete sports shop are available during the season. Mid-winter timberline snow is from eight to twenty feet deep, with an average temperature of 24 degrees above zero. Space is available at Timberline for the parking of 700 automobiles.

Multorpor ski area south of Government Camp on state highway 50 offers rope tows of 1,200 feet with a lift of 500 feet, one of 300 feet with a lift of 50 feet. A, B and C jumping hills are available as well as sporty downhill and slalom terrain.

West of Government Camp, the Tom-Dick ski bowl provides a public ski shelter, chair lift of 3500 feet with a rise of 800 feet, supplemented by two rope tows of 700 and 500 feet in length. The former has a rise of 250 feet, the latter of 100 feet each.

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

The Summit area east of Government Camp operates three ski tows of 1000, 400 and 600 feet lengths with lifts from 100 to 150 feet. Isham West of Government Camp operates a 500-foot tow on private land in this area.



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