

# Famed Army *Spotsylvania, Colorado* Ski Tow Opened For Civilians *6/29/45*

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Pando, Colo. (UP)—Ski enthusiasts in the Rocky Mountains will have a new place for skiing next winter as a result of the army's training program.

One of the best ski courses in the Rocky Mountains is to be made available to civilian lovers of the sport.

The ski course was built by the army for the training of mountain troops. These troops, who boast of being "the toughest mountain fighters in the world," have since been put into action on various battlefronts and the training facilities built for them are no longer needed.

The ski course is located six miles above Camp Hale, which has now been abandoned. When the army had no further use for it, the course was taken over by the U. S. Forest Service, which has announced that it will be thrown open to the general public.

Included in the facilities acquired by the forest service is the Cooper Hill ski tow, which is 6,150 feet in length. Electrically operated, it can carry 500 skiers an hour up the hill on its inverted "T" shaped bars.

Availability of the Cooper Hill tow will be a boon to winter sports lovers of Colorado. While Colorado has developed its resources and capitalized its scenery as a vacation spot for summer tourists, it has done little to develop winter sports, and most of its good skiing terrain is inaccessible.

The Cooper Hill ski tow, however, can be easily reached. The loading point of the lift is on U. S. Highway No. 4, only half a mile from the summit of Tennessee Pass. It also can be easily reached by railroad, as it is close to the Tennessee Pass station of the Denver & Rio Grand Western, on the road's main line from Denver to Salt Lake City.

It's winter for a large part of the year in that country, too. Tennessee Pass is at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet, in the White River national forest.