

Forest Service Puts *Sports Skiing Colorado* Ski Tow to Public Use

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Colorado's winter sports facilities were boosted yesterday with acquisition by the U. S. Forest Service of the Cooper Hill ski tow, built in 1942 for training of ski troops at Camp Hale.

The tow, which will be open to public use, will provide one of the finest sports sites in the state, John W. Spencer, regional forester, said. Five hundred persons can be carried by the tow each hour. It is electrically operated, and is 6150 feet long.

Six miles above Camp Hale and within a half-mile of the summit of Tennessee Pass, the tow is near U. S. Highway 40 and the Tennessee Pass station of the Rio Grande Railroad. It will be operated under a special use permit. The operator has not yet been selected.

The ski course was used to train

mountain fighters now in action on enemy fronts. It was listed as surplus property by the army last February with discontinuance of Camp Hale.

The Forest Service has been negotiating for purchase of the tow since August, 1944, Mr. Spencer said.