

Cooper Spur Becomes 'Mountain Resort'

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Last year the Inn at Cooper Spur and Cooper Spur Ski Area were purchased by Meadows North LLC, a new subsidiary company of Mt. Hood Meadows. The purchases marked the first time the two properties were owned and operated by the same company, creating an opportunity to combine the recreational and hospitality features of both under one resort operation. This led to the "birth" this month of Cooper Spur Mountain Resort.

Resort vice president and general manager Dave Riley said the name change (and new logo) more truly reflects the resort experience. "The property offers so much more than a place to stay with a restaurant," Riley said. "With 775 acres of private forest land surrounded by Mt. Hood National Forest, guests can easily enjoy a variety of recreational pursuits year-round. We have renovated our spa facility building a new deck, four hot tubs and two massage therapy rooms. In the winter the ski area operation and the new Nordic Center provide additional resort amenities for overnight guests as well as day visitors."

The Ski Area at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort will celebrate its 75th anniversary with its first double chairlift this season, which replaces the antiquated T-Bar. Two new rope tows will service beginner terrain and an expanded tubing center. New cross-country trails link the base of the ski area to the lodging facilities. Even with the improvements, lift ticket and tubing center prices will remain the same as last year.

The restaurant has also been renovated and renamed the Pioneer Dining Room and Expedition Lounge. The new decor pays tribute to those who explored and settled the Cooper Spur area more than 100 years ago – historic photos grace the walls and tell the stories of David Rose Cooper (Cooper Spur); Thomas Lamb Eliot (Eliot Glacier); CES Wood and William Ladd, who built the Cloud Cap Inn; and Sarah Langille and her sons Doug and Will who operated the Cloud Cap Inn a century ago and guided climbing parties to summit Mt. Hood.

Riley said that in honor of these pioneers the resort has selected "100 Years of Historic Recreation" as its theme. "Our mission at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort is to continue the reputation of warm hospitality and premier outdoor recreational pursuits for which the pioneers of Mt. Hood's north side became famous."