

## Rec Area Plans Are Announced

Plans have been announced by officials of the Huron-Manistee National Forest for the development of an extensive winter and summer recreation complex 16 miles northwest of Cadillac at Tower Mountain.

Forest Supervisor John von Bargen, in making the announcement, stated that this area has long been recognized by ski enthusiasts as having outstanding potential for winter sports since it has one of the highest vertical drops in Michigan and could support one of the longest runs in the state, and would also lend itself well to other winter sports such as snowmobiling, ski touring, ice skating, and snowshoeing.

In addition to winter sports, the area could be developed for many summer sports, and as a favorable center from which to hunt and fish, Von Bargen said.

The successful bidder for development of the area will be required, by November 1, 1971, to complete construction of the main access road and parking area; base buildings and other buildings to house utilities, first aid room, ski repair, rental, sales shop, kitchen, administration offices, and cafeteria; water and sewage systems; four main lifts to the summit; and trails and slopes to accommodate 1,000 skiers a day.

Optional developments include overnight accommodations for approximately 1,000 guests, restaurant, cocktail lounge, and gift shop, Von Bargen added.