

Artificial Snow Has No Chemical

Manufactured "snow" to be used in a man-made ski slide near Kellyville will involve no chemicals, according to operator Willis Barrows.

"Some people have been asking if the process involves chemicals that might cause a pollution threat," Barrows said. "There are no chemicals involved. We use only compressed air and water, which is drinkable at the nozzle."

Barrows and his wife Yvonne seek to have their Snow Valley Ski Area in operation by December as the first ski area in

Oklahoma.

He plans to make snow on a three-slope project just off Heyburn Dam road.

Barrows said towers are up for rope tows and the power unit for the tows is on site, but not yet installed. Some piping is in, and the first compressor is due Oct. 25.

He said his ski school is "fairly well organized. We have three permanent employees now, and 15 volunteers to help pickup rocks. Barrows will address the Tulsa Ski Club Oct. 26.