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### **Cimarron Canyon State Park Hosts Open House and River Cleanup** *Saturday, August 25, 2012*

EAGLE NEST, NM – [Cimarron Canyon State Park](#) will host an Open House and its 5<sup>th</sup> annual River Cleanup, Saturday, August 25, 2012. The cleanup event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Tolby day use area and the Open House at 12:00 noon in the new Visitor's Center.

"Thank you to all our volunteers that help us keep this park clean and spectacular," said Tommy Mutz, New Mexico State Parks Division Director. "The new Visitor's Center has four pyramids and the intent of the building is to be complementary of the natural landscape."

Cleanup volunteers are needed to assist park staff to help remove litter on both sides of the river. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Tolby day use area where they will be divided into groups and have a safety briefing, before dispersing to different areas of the park. This year the cleanup will cover from the Tolby day use area to Horseshow Mine day use area. The cleanup generally takes about two hours and gloves and orange safety vests will be provided.

The Open House at the new Visitor's Center is made possible by the local Friends Group, which will supply all the food and refreshments. The new building is designed to be very energy efficient like a thermos bottle. A striking feature of the building is four pyramids, which have sky lights that provide excellent natural day lighting. Built on the old ranger station site, the building is 1,100 square feet and will serve as an information center and offices for the rangers.

Cimarron Canyon State Park is set in New Mexico's high country, where spectacular palisade cliffs and clear running waters dominate the landscape. Cimarron Canyon State Park is part of the 33,116-acre Colin Neblett Wildlife Area, the largest wildlife area in the state and owned by the New Mexico State Game Commission. It is located three miles east of Eagle Nest along US 64.

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