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## **Firestone to Open Weld County's First CNG Fueling Station This Friday**

**FIRESTONE, Colorado (June 25, 2012)** – Weld County's first compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station will open this Friday, June 29, 2012, in Firestone. The SkyBlu station, operated by Mansfield Energy Corp., is located at the Shell Station at 11099 E. Interstate 25 Frontage Road, which is owned by Firestone Convenience LLC. Firestone Mayor Chad Auer will lead the ribbon cutting grand opening at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to Auer's opening comments, other keynote speakers will include Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Alex Schroeder with the Colorado Energy Office and Mansfield Energy Corp. President J. Alexander. Following the speakers and ribbon cutting, there will be a CNG fueling demonstration and vehicle showcase.

Auer is excited that Firestone is the first of two locations to be opened in Weld County this year. "The CNG fueling station in Firestone is a step forward," Auer said. "It is a step toward expanded use of clean energy, opening foreign and domestic markets, improving Colorado's economy and lowering our dependence on foreign oil. While this is only one step, it is a critical one."

The second CNG fueling station is slated to open in Greeley in July.

Town Manager Wesley LaVanchy added, "I am excited for the Town of Firestone to be an example in the region for providing clean, alternative energy to both citizens and businesses. We encourage area residents and businesses to take advantage of this cheaper, cleaner energy source in their own backyard."

The CNG site will be open 24 hours a day and offer duel hose fast fill dispensers for light, medium and heavy duty CNG vehicles.

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