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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College will be expanding its hours to Saturday afternoons, 12 noon – 4PM, starting January 23rd.

To accommodate visitors from surrounding towns and communities, the Center is pleased to extend its hours to Saturday afternoons. The new hours will allow visitors to have more convenient, family-friendly access to the exhibits. Admission is free, as well as free weekend parking.

The Center opened the blockbuster exhibit, *Mountain Lion!* in August 2009. The exhibit was developed by the Center of Southwest Studies and the Colorado Division of Wildlife to address the pressing need for greater public awareness on the growing issue of human encounters with mountain lions. To date, over 5000 visitors have seen the exhibit. It displays through October.

Also exhibiting is *RARE: Imperiled Plants of Colorado* through May. *RARE* was developed by the Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists to introduce the public to wildflowers of Colorado that are threatened with extinction, and features 40 different species of plants from all over Colorado.

For further information, please visit the Center of Southwest Studies website, <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu>, or call the main office 970-247-7456.