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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

UPPER BIDWELL PARK REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO PARK FIRE

(Chico, CA – July 30, 2024) - Although the Park Fire in Upper Bidwell Park is contained and the evacuation orders have been reduced to warnings, Chico Fire, Cal Fire, and the Park Division warn that there are still many hazards in the fire area, which include smoldering root systems, falling trees and limbs, and bulldozer lines and other hazards that cross the trails.

Although some trails and areas may be untouched by the fire, these areas also provide direct public access to the sensitive fire area. **For continued public safety, both sides of Upper Bidwell Park will remain closed to all park users (bicyclist, joggers, hikers, etc.) until further notice.**

The Bidwell Municipal Golf Course, Wildwood Park, Horse Arena, South Five Mile, Hooker Oak Park, and Lower Bidwell Park will remain open. However, access to North Five Mile and other parts of the park through these areas will be closed and off limits.

In summary, the City is asking for the public's cooperation by not entering Middle and Upper Park from both sides of Big Chico Creek, which includes the following specific areas:

- All Upper Park Roads (10 Mile House etc.) and Trails on **both sides** of Big Chico Creek
- Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course
- Horseshoe Lake Area
- Chico Observatory
- Upper Park Gun Range
- All Upper Park parking lots and swimming areas
- Annie Bidwell Trail access at Centennial & Chico Canyon Road
- North Five Mile Recreation Area.

Pursuant to Chico Municipal Code Section 12.R.04.370 anyone who enters a designated closed area of Bidwell Park will be subject to fines. The Park Division appreciates the public's understanding during this closure. For more information, contact Linda Herman, City of Chico Park & Natural Resources Manager at (530) 896-7800.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us.

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