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

PRESCRIBED BURN IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

CHICO, CA – Monday, March 10, 2025– Chico Fire Department, in partnership with the City of Chico’s Park Division, has scheduled a prescribed burn in Upper Bidwell Park on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 5:00 p.m.

The upcoming burn will focus on a dozer line in Upper Park that runs from Highway 32 down to the Annie Bidwell Trail. This dozer line is utilized for fire control in the event of a fire in the area. As a result of previous fires, the Park Fire being the most recent, a significant amount of brush has accumulated in the area, making the dozer line difficult to utilize for fire control. “The best way to mitigate this stockpile of brush is to burn it where it is, allowing for future use of the dozer line” said Chico Fire Battalion Chief, Mike Watner.

For the public’s safety all Upper Park trails on the south side of Big Chico Creek will be closed Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and Wednesday March 12, 2025. Signage will be posted to inform hikers and mountain bikers of the trail closures.

All required permits and approvals have been granted for this prescribed burn. Smoke will be visible in the area on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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 for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us.

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