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MEDIA ALERT

UPPER BIDWELL PARK TREE REMOVAL TO CONTINUE AFTER PARK FIRE

(Chico, CA – January 24, 2025) - Upper Bidwell Park east of Alligator Hole on the north side and from Bloody Pin to Ten Mile House Road on the south side was impacted by the Park Fire. These impacts left many burned trees and associated hazards.

To ensure the park remains safe and enjoyable for all visitors, the City of Chico will be removing fire-damaged trees that are unlikely to recover from the fire. Removal operations will commence January 29, 2025 through February 7, 2025.

A total of 125 trees will be removed along the Ten-Mile House Road. Tree species to be removed include 57 Blue Oak, 40 Live Oak and 28 Gray Pine.

“It is unfortunate that due to the Park Fire, 125 damaged and hazardous trees on Ten-Mile House need to be removed. The removals are for public safety and to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles. Once the removals are complete, 10-Mile House Road and adjacent trails will be reopened,” stated Shane Romain, Parks and Natural Resources Manager.

The city asks for the public's cooperation during this time. As a reminder to park users, Ten-Mile House Road remains closed to all users.

The Park Division of Public Works Operations and Maintenance appreciates the community's understanding of the need for temporary closures. The Park and Tree Divisions are committed to mitigating hazards, implementing park rehabilitation efforts, and opening additional areas as soon as possible.

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 United States. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us.

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