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CHICO AREA RESIDENTS ADVISED TO BE AWARE OF INCREASED FLOOD RISK DUE TO PARK FIRE BURN SCAR IMPACTS

Butte County, Ca— As we make our way into winter, the likelihood of significant rainfall increases. Due to the 429,000-acre Park Fire, it is anticipated that areas downstream from the Park Fire burn scar may experience more severe flooding, and possibly flash floods or debris floods.

Butte County and the City of Chico are working together to mitigate flooding impacts; in addition, residents that live in the low-lying areas along Big Chico Creek, Keefer Slough, Rock Creek and Mud Creek are encouraged to prepare now for possible future flooding and road closures. Take steps now to protect your property and surrounding waterways. Remove loose debris on properties and around houses that that could be picked up in flood flows and become a hazard. Place sand bags or other flood protection devices in areas around your property that are vulnerable to flooding.

- Sand and sandbags are available at Home Depot, Lowes, or other construction supply stores.
- Sand and Sandbags are available at Fire Station 41, located at 13871 Highway 99 in Chico. Residents will need to bring their own shovel. There is a limit of ten bags per vehicle.
- Sand is available at the Chico Municipal Services Center, located at 901 Fir Street in Chico, residents will need to bring their own sandbags.

In addition to preparing your property for possible flooding, it's important to stay informed. Register for emergency notifications at www.buttecounty.net/massnotification . Follow the [National Weather Service](#) (NWS) for updated weather information and alerts. The NWS may issue the following flood alerts in the event of increased rainfall:

- **Flood Watch – Be Prepared:** A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding, it does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.
- **Flood Advisory – Be Aware:** A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning, but may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, may lead to situations that may threaten life or property.
- **Flood Warning – Take Action:** A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.



- **Flash Flood Watch – Take Action:** A Flash Flood Watch is issued when life-threatening conditions are expected to develop.
- **Flash Flood Warning – Extreme Danger:** A Flash Flood Warning is issued when life-threatening conditions are imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area (such as downslope of a burn scar) move immediately to high ground. It is possible to experience a Flash Flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

It is important to note that the impacts of the Park Fire burn scar are significant – areas that do not typically experience flooding will likely be impacted. Please keep in mind, residents may receive a significantly increased number of NWS weather alerts this year due to the unusually high levels of runoff expected. Weather alerts are intended to keep residents informed and should be taken seriously, please remain vigilant and prepared.

In the event of an emergency, additional information will be posted on the Butte County and City of Chico websites and social media pages:

- www.buttecounty.net
- www.facebook.com/ButteCounty
- www.x.com/CountyofButte
- www.chico.ca.us
- www.facebook.com/OfficialCityofChico
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