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### CHICO FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTS CHICO REGIONAL AIRPORT WITH VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

**CHICO, CA** — The Chico Fire Department is assisting the Chico Regional Airport (CRA) with vegetation management on airport grounds. A controlled training burn will occur on Wednesday, May 28th starting at 8 a.m. and cover approximately 185 acres.

The Chico Fire Department will be conducting the burn operations. All required permits and notifications have been secured. Burn operations are expected to be concluded by 5 p.m. Smoke may be visible until sundown.

Fuel reduction makes airport operations safer by limiting wildlife incursions with aircraft. Aircraft planning to land or take off from the CRA have been advised of the vegetation management project.

In a statement, Chico Fire Battalion Chief Mike Watner said "This controlled burn provides an opportunity for the fire department to get valuable training while assisting the CRA with reducing fuels around the runways."

*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.chicoca.gov](http://www.chicoca.gov).*

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