



## NEWS RELEASE

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### CHICO FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS TO USE CAUTION DURING RED FLAG WARNING

**CHICO, CA** — The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the region, including the City of Chico, beginning Wednesday, June 10, at 11:00am and continuing through Thursday, June 11, at 5:00pm.

A Red Flag Warning is issued when a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures create critical fire weather conditions. Under these conditions, any fire that starts can spread rapidly, become difficult to control, and threaten lives, property, and natural resources.

As a safety precaution, the City of Chico will close the gate at Horseshoe Lake to Upper Bidwell Park June 10 and June 11. We also ask residents to refrain from using BBQs in Lower Bidwell Park during this period of elevated fire danger. We appreciate the public's cooperation in helping prevent wildfires and keep our community safe.

The Chico Fire Department urges residents to exercise extreme caution and take steps to prevent accidental fires during the warning period. Residents are encouraged to take the following precautions:

- Avoid any outdoor activities that could generate sparks.
- Discard cigarettes or matches appropriately and NEVER on the ground.
- Do not park vehicles on dry grass or vegetation, as hot exhaust systems can ignite fuels.
- Ensure trailer safety chains are secured and not dragging on roadways.
- Postpone welding, grinding, mowing dry grass, or using equipment that may create sparks during peak fire weather conditions.
- Have an emergency plan in place and be prepared to evacuate if necessary.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts at [Smart911](#)

*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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