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SYCAMORE POOL CLOSURE FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND CLEANING

CHICO, CA — Sycamore Pool, located in the South 1-Mile Recreation Area of Bidwell Park, will be closed Wednesday, July 16 through Friday, July 18 for sediment removal and cleaning.

In years past, the initial pool cleaning generally occurred in late May. This year, the City of Chico (City) was asked by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to delay the pool cleaning until after mid-June due to the migration time of protected Spring-run Chinook Salmon. The City was also required to update and renew the permits necessary to move forward with the sediment removal and cleaning of Sycamore Pool. The City and CDFW worked closely together to expedite the permit process.

The amount of sediment in Sycamore Pool is more than average due to runoff impacts from the Park Fire. Heavy winter rains washed material from the Park Fire burn scar downstream, resulting in an inordinate amount of sediment, rocks, and other debris being deposited in Sycamore Pool. The increased sediment has decreased the depth of Sycamore Pool, especially on the west end.

“At this time of year, we are usually on a steady biweekly cleaning schedule at Sycamore Pool,” said Shane Romain, City of Chico Parks and Natural Resources Manager. “We now have the necessary updated permits and will work quickly to remove the built-up sediment and return to a regular biweekly cleaning schedule.”

It is important to keep in mind that Big Chico Creek, including Sycamore Pool, is a natural waterway. Caution should always be used when recreating in or near a natural waterway.

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

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