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### VEGETATION PILES TO BE BURNED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF UPPER BIDWELL PARK

**CHICO, CA** —The City of Chico Park Division, in partnership with the Chico Fire Department, Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve and the California Conservation Corps (CCC) will conduct controlled burns of vegetation piles on the south side of Upper Bidwell Park between the South Rim Trail and Whispering Winds Lane. Burning operations will take place on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The burning will be delayed or rescheduled if weather or air quality conditions change.

The California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) enables the CCC to provide fire fuel reduction projects in partnership with high-risk wildfire communities. The CCC provides young adults with hands-on experience while reducing the threat of wildfire by removing dead, dying and overgrown vegetation. The work is being conducted to provide a strategic fuel break where vegetation is reduced to slow the spread of wildfire and provide firefighters with safe, more effective access during an emergency.

Although there may be minor smoke impacts, pile burning is extremely effective to reduce fire fuels created by excess vegetation. This project is part of ongoing fire fuels reduction efforts by the City of Chico under the Vegetative Fuels Management Plan.

*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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