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FIRE FUELS REDUCTION WORK AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF UPPER BIDWELL PARK AT CHICO CANYON

CHICO, CA —The City of Chico Park Division, in partnership with Butte College, will be conducting fire fuels reduction work on the south side of Upper Bidwell Park between Chico Canyon Road and the Annie Bidwell trail starting on Thursday, August 13 intermittently until September 4, 2026.

Under the supervision of Butte College Utility Line Clearance Arborist industry trainers, Utility Line Clearance Arborist trainees are completing hands-on field training as part of the Utility Line Clearance Arborist Training Program - a statewide workforce program that prepares arborists to help protect electrical infrastructure and reduce wildfire risk.

As part of this program, arborist trainees are gaining hands-on experience while reducing the threat of wildfire by removing dead, dying and overgrown non-native 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.

“This program is extremely beneficial to students and our community. There is a daunting amount of fuels reduction work to be done. Partnerships help us to keep moving forward with reaching the goals outlined in the City’s Vegetative Fuels Management Plan,” said Shane Romain, City of Chico, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

For the safety of our community and park visitors, please keep a safe distance from workers and equipment and follow all posted signs and work zone boundaries. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support in creating a more fire resistant landscape.

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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