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GOATS TO START GRAZING IN THE MIDDLE PARK AREA OF BIDWELL PARK

CHICO, CA — Goats are returning to Bidwell Park on July 20th and will graze Middle Bidwell Park from Manzanita Ave. between Lindo Channel and Wildwood Ave. to 5 Mile Way.

Capra Environmental Services Corp. is providing 200-500 goats, which potentially can graze approximately one acre per day. Grazing areas will be cordoned off with an electric fence and warning signs will be posted throughout for public safety.

Utilizing goats for fuel reduction helps to reduce vegetative fuel load, especially ladder fuels that carry flames to treetops, breaks up continuous grass and helps to reduce speed and intensity in case of wildfire.

A herdsman and guard dogs will also be onsite 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Where possible, paths and trails will remain open to the public. Park users are requested to please not enter closed areas, to stay clear of and keep children and pets away from the electric fencing, and to not feed or disturb the goats and guard dogs.

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.