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UPPER PARK ROAD TEMPORARILY CLOSED AT LOT E /HORSESHOE LAKE

CHICO, CA — Starting on Wednesday, September 16, through Wednesday, September 23, 2026, Upper Park Road at parking lot E/Horseshoe Lake will be temporarily closed to demobilize equipment and materials from the Iron Canyon Fish Ladder project site. Pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians are asked to use alternate trails and to avoid Upper Park Road past parking lot E.

CalTrout, in partnership with the City of Chico, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe, and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, is finishing up a fish passage project on Big Chico Creek in Upper Bidwell Park called the Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project. The project has restored 8.5 miles of critical cold-water habitat on Big Chico Creek for threatened spring-run Chinook salmon and steelhead.

The Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project is led by California Trout (CalTrout). More information can be found on [project's webpage](#).

The Park Division appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding during the road closure.

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.

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