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GOATS TO START GRAZING IN THE CEDAR GROVE AREA OF BIDWELL PARK

CHICO, CA — Goats are returning to Bidwell Park and will graze approximately 20 acres in the Cedar Grove and World of Trees area.

Paradise Grazing Co. will provide 350-400 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. 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.

Targeted goat grazing reduces vegetative fuels and wildfire risk by consuming dry grasses, brush, and invasive species. This effort in Cedar Grove is part of the City of Chico's Vegetative Fuels Management Plan, supporting ecosystem health and public safety.

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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