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MEDIA ALERT

UPDATED - AIRPORT BURN *Rescheduled to June 13th

(Chico, CA – June 12, 2024–) Due to weather and air quality conditions, the controlled training burn has been **rescheduled to Thursday**, June 13th starting at 9:00am subject to weather conditions. The Chico Fire Department is assisting the Chico Regional Airport with vegetation management on airport grounds.

The Chico Fire Department will be conducting the burn operations. All required permits and notifications have been secured. Burn operations are expected to be concluded by 5 p.m. Smoke may be visible until sundown.

Fuel reduction makes airport operations safer by limiting wildlife incursions with aircraft. Aircraft planning to land or take off from the Chico Regional Airport have been advised of the vegetation management project.

In a statement, Chico Fire Battalion Chief Mike Watner said "This controlled burn provides an opportunity for the fire department to get valuable training while assisting the CRA with reducing fuels around the runways."

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