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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CITY OF CHICO FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO FIRE ALONGSIDE HIGHWAY 99

(Chico, CA – March 29, 2021 –) On March 29, 2021 at 5:23 a.m., the Chico Fire and Rescue Department responded to a report of a vegetation fire on southbound Highway 99 near Bidwell Park.

Engines 2 and 4, and Battalion 1, along with Engine 44 from Butte County Fire, arrived to find a fire area approximately 10 feet wide by 100 feet long, with fire burning in debris, refuge, and camping tents. Knockdown of the fire was achieved quickly, though crews noted a number of explosions within the fire. The fire area was located within the state-owned easement for Highway 99.

Firefighters searched for victims in the fire area and found none. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

For press inquiries, please contact Wes Metroka, Chico Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief, at (530) 514-3584; or Lynda Gizzi, Public Information Officer, at (530) 896-7204.

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