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

PARK FIRE TRAILS STATUS UPDATE FOR UPPER BIDWELL PARK

(Chico, CA – June 23, 2021 –) Although the Park Fire in Bidwell Park is 100% contained, access to roads and trails in Upper Park continues to remain restricted. The Chico Fire & Rescue Department warns that there are still many potential hazards in the fire area.

Hazards may include smoldering root systems, possible falling trees and limbs, loose bulldozer lines and other hazards that cross the trails. In addition, current high temperatures and low humidity continue to pose a high fire danger, hindering mechanical rehabilitation of the area.

For continued public safety, park trails on the north side of Upper Park Road east of Horseshoe Lake **will remain closed** to all park users, including bicyclists, joggers, hikers, and other users. The Upper Park Road gate at Lot E (east of Horseshoe Lake) will remain closed to vehicle traffic until further notice. Pursuant to Chico Municipal Code Section 12.R.04.370 anyone who enters a designated closed area of Bidwell Park may be subject to fines.

The Chico Fire and Rescue Department states that small pockets of visible smoke are normal but advises the public to call 911 if they see flames or burning areas outside the contained fire perimeter.

Other areas of Upper and Middle Park are open as follows:

Five Mile Recreation Area	Open normal days/hours
Hooker Oak Park	Open normal days/hours
Chico Equestrian Center	Open normal days/hours
Bidwell Park Golf Course	Open normal days/hours
Chico Observatory	Open normal days/hours
Upper Park Rod and Gun Club	Open normal days/hours
Yahi Trail and all swimming areas	Open normal day/hours

All Trails on the North Side of Upper Park Road east of Horseshoe Lake (North Rim, Upper, Middle, Lower, B Trail etc.)	Closed until further notice
Horseshoe Lake Gate Lot E	Closed until further notice
Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course	Open
All Trails on the South Side of Upper Park (Annie Bidwell, South Rim, Guardian etc.)	Open – If crossing over to the North side, please see trail/area closures above.

The City appreciates the public’s patience and support during this significant fire event. For more information, please contact the Chico Parks Division at (530) 896-7800, by email at parkinfo@chico.ca.gov, or visit the City’s website for current status updates at: <https://www.chico.ca.us/park-trails>.

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