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## **GOATS RETURN TO BIDWELL PARK AND LINDO CHANNEL**

(Chico, CA – July 28, 2021 –) Goats have resumed seasonal grazing in Bidwell Park to help remove invasive vegetation and to reduce fire risk. They are currently grazing sections of Middle Bidwell Park between Upper Park Road, east of the Horse Arena Road and west of Parking Lot A, and Lindo Channel to the south and west along with Five Mile Way to the east. After the Middle Park area is completed, the goats will be moved to Lindo Channel and Verbena Fields and possibly areas of Lower Park as funding allows.

Capra Environmental Services Corporation is providing 200-500 goats, which can graze up to 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 while the grazing occurs, but some trails and areas may need to be closed. Park users are requested to remain out of closed areas, to stay clear of electric fencing, and to not feed or disturb the goats and guard dogs while they are at work.

Goat grazing has proven to be a very effective vegetation management tool, as goats will eat star thistle, poison oak, and many other non-native plants. They will also elevate the vegetation, which helps reduce the risk of ladder fuels. The goats were scheduled to return this past spring but were delayed due to the fire fuels reduction obligations elsewhere in the region.

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