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

PORTION OF SOUTH PARK DRIVE IN BIDWELL PARK TO BE CLOSED

(Chico, CA – December 9, 2021) The City of Chico Public Works Operation & Maintenance Department is continuing cleanup from the October 24, 2021 storm. A large Valley Oak tree near Picnic Site 10 in Lower Bidwell Park was severely damaged during the storm and requires removal. The removal will take place on Friday, December 10, 2021.

To ensure safety during tree removal operations, South Park Drive between Forest Avenue and El Monte Avenue will be closed to all traffic including vehicles, bicycles, horses, and pedestrians between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

In addition, motorized vehicle traffic will not be able to access South Park Drive from Cedar Grove to Centennial Drive. Pedestrians and bicycles will be diverted over the bridges at Forest Avenue or Manzanita onto Petersen Drive.

One-way traffic control will also be in effect on East 8th Street. Drivers are advised to detour onto Highway 32 to avoid the closure area during this time, and are encouraged to build extra time into their schedules and drive with caution to avoid hazards and maximize the safety of workers in the roadway. The City of Chico acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the community's cooperation and patience during this time.

For more information, please contact Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager, at (530) 896-7801, or Lynda Gizzi, Public Works Department Public Information Officer, at (530) 353-5816.

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