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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

## **ACCESS TO UPPER BIDWELL PARK REMAINS RESTRICTED AFTER PARK FIRE**

**(Chico, CA, June 21, 2021)** – Following containment of the Park Fire in Bidwell Park, access to roads and trails in Upper Park remains restricted. Upper Park Road is currently closed at Lot E (east of Horseshoe Lake), and all Upper Park trails are closed until further notice.

The Parks Division of the Public Works Department will be assessing the area for damage to trails and vegetation over the next few days and will reopen both Upper Park Road and trails once the assessment has been completed.

The Chico Fire & Rescue Department reminds park visitors that it is normal to see smoke and fire within the burn scar area for many days following the containment of the Park Fire, and to be specific regarding location and material that is burning or smoking if reporting to 911.

Fire crews have worked diligently to knock down berms caused by bulldozing fire breaks and to mitigate erosion in the winter months. Rehabilitation to vegetation in the burn scar area may be conducted this fall.

The Park Fire is 100% contained and total area burned is currently reported as 409 total acres.

For media inquiries, please contact Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager, at (530) 896-7241; or Lynda Gizzi, Public Works Department Public Information Officer, at (530) 879-6908.

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