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

## **VEGETATION WORK TO BEGIN ON 10-MILE HOUSE ROAD IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK**

(Chico, CA – April 19, 2021 –) 10-Mile House Road on the southeast boundary of Upper Bidwell Park Chico, CA. Over the upcoming weeks, the City of Chico Park Division and Shasta Cascade California Conservation Corps (CCC) crews will be performing vegetation work along both sides of 10-Mile House Road to allow better emergency vehicle access, increase sight lines for hikers and bikers, and to thin and reduce built-up fire fuels adjacent to this important firebreak and recreational trail.

The work will start on Tuesday April 20, 2021 and will occur between 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday -Friday. Crews will start at the bottom of the 10-Mile House Road and continue upward toward the Hwy 32 (green gate) entrance. The work will include thinning, elevating, and removal of vegetation on both sides up to 50 feet from the center of this 1.2-mile road, approximately 15 acres.

As this work will involve chippers and vehicles, portions of the road may be temporarily closed to pedestrians and bikers for safety reasons. Signs will be placed to warn and detour park users where needed. Weather conditions may impact the pace and timing of the work and the Parks Division appreciates the public's patience during this work.

Materials will be manually cut using chainsaws, pole saws, and loppers, and chipped or scattered on site. The chipped material will be spread along the road to help combat weeds. Elevation of trees and vegetation overhanging the road of up to 14 feet will also occur. Trees greater than 8 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) will be maintained unless they are dead, dying or diseased. Logs that are at least 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet long will remain in the landscape for wildlife habitat, where feasible and appropriate.

This fire fuel reduction and safety access project is made possible from a greenhouse gas reduction grant obtained by the CCC's, and with help from CSU, Chico Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve staff.

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