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REOPENING OF PORTIONS OF SOUTH SIDE OF UPPER BIDWELL PARK

The Chico Fire Department and Park Division warn that there are still potential hazards in the Stoney fire area on the south side of Bidwell Park. Falling trees and limbs, rough areas from bulldozer lines, and other hazards still pose a threat in the sensitive fire area. A tree assessment will need to be conducted before the Fire area can be reopened. In addition, hot temperatures and low humidity continue to pose a high fire danger, hindering the ability to use equipment to make repairs and remove trees.

For continued public safety, most of the south side of Upper Bidwell Park will remain closed to all park users (bicyclist, joggers, hikers, etc.) until further notice. However, the City will be reopening the portion of Annie Bidwell Trail from the Centennial/Chico Canyon Road entrance to the Bidwell Park Golf Course and as far as the Olive Orchard only. The Annie Bidwell trail area east of the Olive Orchard, Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course, and all the other trails on the south side of Bidwell Park are still closed to all users.

Ten Mile House Road will also be reopened to hikers and bikers, but access to the Annie Bidwell, Pine, and Guardians trails from the road will be closed. Although portions of these trails may be untouched by the fire, they provide direct public access to the fire area.

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Following is an updated chart of the open and closed areas of Bidwell Park

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
Horseshoe Lake Gate	Open normal days/hours
Chico Observatory	Open normal days/hours
Upper Park Gun Range	Open normal days/hours
Yahi Trail and all swimming areas	Open normal day/hours
Annie Bidwell Trail	Open from Centennial/Chico Canyon Rd to Golf Course and Olive Orchard only.
All other Trails on the South Side of Big Chico Creek (South Rim, Guardians, Humboldt, Bloody Pin, and Pine etc.)	Closed until further notice
Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course	Closed until further notice
Ten Mile House Road	Road only open to pedestrians/bikers. Access to Pine, Guardians, and Annie Bidwell Trails is prohibited

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 City appreciates the public's patience and support during this significant fire event. For more information, contact Chico Parks Division at 530-896-7800, email parkinfo@chicoca.gov, or visit the City's website at:

http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/General_Services_Department/Park_Division/Bidwell_Park.asp

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