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STORM DAMAGES AREAS OF LOWER BIDWELL PARK

Park Division staff worked throughout the day Thursday and Friday cleaning up storm damage in Lower Bidwell Park. Numerous fallen trees blocked Petersen and South Park Drives. As water remains on sections of both roads, City crews are working to clear the roads, although the clean-up could take another week.

As of 2:30 p.m. Friday, Park crews had cleared eight large trees off of the roads. Large potholes remain in the roadway and visitors are urged to use extreme caution when in the park. The public is asked to heed caution tape and flood signs placed in the area. Roads will be reopened as water recedes and crews are able to clear the downed trees.

During the storm, two trees fell at Caper Acres. One of the trees fell onto the Crooked House destroying about half of the structure including one of its slides. Due to the saturated conditions and standing water at Caper Acres, repairs will not begin until next week and the facility will remain closed.

The Annie's Glenn Tunnel remains closed with more than a foot of water and a tree blocking one of the entrances. In addition, the pedestrian bridge at Highway 99 remains covered in water.

For more information, please contact the Parks Division at 530-896-7800 or go to http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/General_Services_Department/Park_Division/Bidwell_Park.asp.

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