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### **BLACK BEARS PRESENT IN BIDWELL PARK AREA**

The City has received reports of possible bear activity in the vicinity of the Chico Creek Nature Center in Lower Bidwell Park. The City of Chico offers the following precautions on securing your residence, as well as tips to protect yourself:

- Do not approach or feed the bears.
- If you encounter a bear, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to appear as large as possible.
- Always keep your garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or storage area.
- Don't put garbage out until the day of scheduled pickup.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- Do not leave pet food or dishes out overnight.

By taking these simple precautions the chance of having a bear roam into your yard is greatly reduced. Black bears are native to this area and usually do not become a problem unless they are fed by property owners, or are able to get into garbage cans and pet food containers that are left out.

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