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PRUNING TO BEGIN IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK

The City of Chico has received a \$100,000 grant to prune trees in Bidwell Park. The funding for the project is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The purpose of the pruning is to make trees over high use areas safer by removing dead branches and thinning limbs in the outer canopy to reduce weight.

The work will start at the north side of One Mile and will include trees near paths, streets and over parking. Trees along South Park Drive and Peterson Drive will be included in the second phase of the work. A few trees that were either struck by lightning or have extensive decay or cracks, will have large branches removed. Otherwise, the pruning will be confined to relatively small limb removal. The crews will also be removing some of the smaller trees and vines along the edges of the drive that are encroaching into pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Fallen Leaf Tree Service of Sacramento will be doing the pruning work and will be hiring tree workers from Butte County as a condition of the grant. For more information, contact City of Chico Urban Forest Manager Denice Britton at 896-7802, or dbritton@ci.chico.ca.us.

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