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Inaugural Youth Services Summit a Success

Paradise, CA 6/17/19 — Partners from across Butte County met in Paradise today to identify opportunities for collaboration and networking.

The Youth Services Summit attracted over 70 participants including organizations representing non-profit, education, special districts, and several departments from Butte County. The healing power of nature and outdoor recreation experiences for youth emerged as a key theme and organizations plan to follow-up with discussing the next steps to develop a collaborative approach to serve the youth of Butte County.

“After the devastating impacts of the Camp Fire on our community, it became clear that we needed a community approach to serving youth and that together we are stronger in our ability to develop a long term action plan” stated Michelle Zevely, Assistant Superintendent for BCOE.

The idea for the summit originated according to Dan Efseaff, District Manager for the Paradise Recreation and Park District, before the fire in an effort to bring groups that serve youth on the Ridge together to explore how to best meet the needs of the Community. The District hosted the event with other organizations supporting the planning.

Efseaff added, “After the fire, the idea really took off with the support of Butte County Office of Education, Odyssey Teams, Inc, CSU Chico, and Outdoor Education for All. We expect great things to come of this for the community.”

The Paradise Rotary Club sponsored the event and provided food and refreshments for participants.

Organizations represented include: Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley, Butte County 4-H, Butte College, Butte County Behavioral Health, Butte County, Fire Safe Council, Butte County Office of Education, Butte County Public Health, Board of Supervisors, California State University, Chico, Chabin Concepts, Inc., Chico Velo Cycling Club, Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc., Explore Butte County, Feather River Center, Gateway Science Museum, Girls on the Run of the North State, Help Central Butte-Glenn 2-1-1, Latinas In Action/Every Kid Outdoors, North Valley Community Foundation, North Valley Hockey and Sports Complex, Northern California Ballet, Odyssey Teams, Inc, Outdoor Education For All, Paradise Bikes, Paradise Branch Library Butte County, Paradise Recreation and Park District, Paradise Unified School District, Stream Team, Thrive Homeschool Program and Camp Wild Heart Summer Day Camp, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the University of California Cooperative Extension.

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages nearly 500 acres of park land and facilities.

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