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**Media Release**

***Town of Paradise Public Works to Begin Annual  
Herbicide Application on Public Roads***

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The Town of Paradise Public Works Department will begin the annual roadside herbicide application starting March 9, 2015, about one-month sooner than typical years. The early application is a response to the warmer temperatures and early growth of invasive species. Performing this work helps keep the road edges and ditches free of noxious weeds and reduces the fire danger for the upcoming summer.

If residents would prefer to not have the area in front of their property sprayed, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (530) 872-6291 x102 to arrange for a "no-spray" agreement. The Town maintains a list of properties requesting this "no-spray" for 3 years. We request a contact name, address and phone number for our files and the requesting resident to manually keep the weeds and invasive species cleared. Residents on the "no-spray" list will be provided white flags to mark areas not to be sprayed.

Trained and licensed operators will do all spraying in strict compliance with the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner requirements and the manufacturer's recommendations. Anyone interested in either the product label or the Material Data Safety Sheets for this product are invited to view both at Town Hall.

Most treated areas will have a six to eight foot wide band of herbicide applied (from the edge of pavement outward). This treatment reduces the amount of weeds and vegetation alongside the roadway edges and will greatly reduce the chance of carelessly thrown cigarettes causing a wildland fire later this summer. In addition, control of noxious weeds during this stage of development will improve the roadside drainage and minimize additional maintenance by Town staff. Detailed maps showing the areas to be treated are available at the Public Works Department and the Clerk's office at Paradise Town Hall.

The active ingredients for the herbicide sprays being used include either Glyphosate or Triclopyr. The spraying will consist of critical road shoulders, selected areas along the Memorial Trailway, drainage ditches, as well as spot spraying the poison oak and invasive broom species. Spraying operations will be conducted over the following several weeks, as weather permits. Crews will be starting as early as 3:00 AM each day (to avoid traffic and wind that may pick up later in the day).

Crews make every effort to not spray ornamental flowers and shrubs planted in the Town Right of Way. However, since most of the spraying is performed at night, occasionally, ornamentals may not be visible to the operators. Residents wishing to exclude certain areas of their property are asked to execute no-spray agreement, also.

We do not anticipate any traffic delays. Spraying operations will be performed with a marked Town of Paradise pickup truck and a 300-gallon pull spray tank. If motorists encounter the spraying operations, please stay back a reasonable distance. The operators will pull off the roadway and allow the motorists to pass at the first convenient location.

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