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Historic Tree at William B. Ide Adobe SHP Fails, Causes Significant Damage to Historic Structures

Red Bluff, Calif. – At approximately 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2014, the oak tree that shaded the adobe structure in the center of the historic area of William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park lost a majority of its limbs, causing significant damage to the adobe and several of the other buildings in the park.

The 350 year oak tree has provided shade to the visitors of the park for many generations and was around long before the adobe building was first built in the 1850's. The State made several efforts throughout the years to keep the tree as part of the park's history, including regular inspections, cabling of the limbs and trimming as needed. The cause of the tree failure has not been determined, and is under investigation.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

State Parks staff secured the site and will coordinate efforts to remove debris. Additional resources will need to be utilized to remove the branch still resting on top of the adobe building in order to minimize damage.

The historic section of the park will remain closed to visitors until further notice. The Visitor's Center and Day-Use picnic areas will remain open at normal hours, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, from sunrise to sunset.

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