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### **Public health advisory lifted for Lost Creek Reservoir**

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A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Lost Creek Reservoir, 30 miles northeast of Medford, Oregon, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services and the Jackson County Health Department.

The advisory went into effect Sept. 16, 2008.

Water sampling has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

DHS advises people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert for signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if visible clumps of algae are present in the water.

For local information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Rogue River Basin Office at 541-878-2255. For health information, contact Bonnie Widerburg, 971-673-0976 or visit <http://Oregon.gov/DHS/ph/envtox/maadvisories.shtml>.