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Public health advisory lifted for Crane Prairie Reservoir

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Crane Prairie Reservoir, located 22 miles from LaPine in the Deschutes National Forest, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). Crane Prairie is owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

The advisory went into effect June 18, 2009.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae, which 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 always to be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

For local information contact the Deschutes National Forest at 541-383-5300 or www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/.

For health information, contact Laura Boswell, DHS Harmful Bloom Surveillance program coordinator, 971-673-0438 or www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hab/; also, the DHS toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767, or the Deschutes County Health Department at 541-322-7418.