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Public health advisory lifted for Lost Creek Lake: *Monitoring confirms blue-green algae levels reduced*

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Lost Creek Lake, located 30 miles northeast of Medford on the Rogue River, was lifted today by Oregon Public Health and the Jackson County Health Department officials.

The advisory went into effect June 4, 2010.

Water monitoring 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.

Oregon Public Health officials advise people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always 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 Chad Stuart at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 541-878-2255.

For health information, contact the Oregon Public Health Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program at 971-673-0400 or www.healthoregon.org/hab; or call the toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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