

# NEWS RELEASE



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## **Oregon Public Health lifts advisories for Blue River Reservoir and Sru Lake:**

### ***Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed***

Health advisories prompted by high algae levels found in Blue River Reservoir and Sru Lake were lifted today by Oregon Public Health officials.

The advisory for Blue River Reservoir, located five miles northeast of Blue River in the Willamette National Forest in Lane County, was issued Sept. 10, 2010.

The advisory for Sru Lake, located 21 miles southeast of Powers on Forest Service Road 3348-080 in Coos County, was issued Aug. 30, 2010.

Water monitoring in both water bodies 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 advises 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 health information, contact the Oregon Public Health Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program at 971-673-0400 or [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab); also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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