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

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A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Lost Creek Lake, located 30 miles northeast of Medford, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Jackson County Health Department. Lost Creek Lake is owned and managed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The advisory went into effect June 15, 2009.

Water monitoring by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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. Toxin test results confirmed that the toxin level in Lost Creek Lake is below detectable levels.

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 Chad Stuart at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 541-878-2255.

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For health information, contact Laura Boswell, DHS Harmful Bloom Surveillance program coordinator, 971-673-0438 or [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hab/](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hab/); also, the DHS toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767, or Jackson Baures, Jackson County Health Department at 541-774-8206.