

## News release

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### **Oregon Public Health lifts advisory for Gerber Reservoir**

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Gerber Reservoir, located 42 miles east of Klamath Falls, was lifted today by Oregon Public Health and Klamath County Health Department officials. The advisory went into effect Aug. 23, 2011.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, can produce toxins that are harmful to humans and animals. With the arrival of cold weather and ice cover at Gerber Reservoir, water recreation activities are limited, which reduces the risk to public health.

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 local information contact the Bureau of Land Management Klamath Falls field office at 541-883-6916.

For health information, contact the Oregon Public Health [Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program](#) at 971-673-0400; also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or Delbert Bell, Klamath County Health Department, at 541-883-1122.

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