

## News release

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### **Health advisory lifted for Lost Creek Lake**

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

A health advisory for Lost Creek Lake, located 30 miles northeast of Medford on the Rogue River, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority. The advisory was issued June 20, 2013, because of high levels of blue-green algae in the lake.

Water monitoring has confirmed the blue-green algae cells present in the lake are below health advisory guideline values for both individual and combined cell counts and the cyanotoxins they can produce.

Oregon 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 contact if the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, or a mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 541-878-2255.

For health information, contact the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance (HABS) program at 971-673-0400. Also contact the Oregon Public Health Division toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or Jackson County Health Department at 541-774-8206.

The HABS program maintains a current list of all health advisories on its website. To find out if an advisory has been issued or lifted for a specific water body, visit <http://www.healthoregon.org/hab> and select "Check current water conditions."

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