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Public health advisories lifted for Odell Lake and Crane Prairie Reservoir

Odell Lake: A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Odell Lake, located in northern Klamath County in the Deschutes National Forest, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Klamath County Health Department.

The advisory at Odell lake went into effect July 22.

Crane Prairie: A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Crane Prairie Reservoir, located 22 miles from LaPine in the Deschutes National Forest, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).

The advisory at Crane Prairie went into effect July 31.

Water monitoring 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](#).

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. Boating is safe as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray, which could lead to inhalation risk.

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For local information contact the Deschutes National Forest at 541-383-5300 or www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/.

For health information, contact Bonnie Widerburg, public health educator in the DHS Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program, 971-673-0440 or www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hab/; also, the DHS toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767, or Delbert Bell, Klamath County Health Department at 541-883-1122.