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### **Public health advisory lifted for Lemolo Lake**

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A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Lemolo Lake, located about 60 miles east of Roseburg, was lifted today by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Douglas County Health Department.

The advisory went into effect July 23.

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.

For local information contact the Diamond Lake Ranger District office at 541-498-2531 or 541-793-3310 weekends, or [www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua/).

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 Terry Westfall, Douglas County Health Department at 541-440-3569.