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Health advisory lifted for Fern Ridge Reservoir

Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed

A health advisory for Fern Ridge Reservoir, located approximately 12 miles west of Eugene in Lane County, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority. The advisory was issued September 21 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 the health advisory guidelines for both individual and combined cell counts and for all cyanotoxins produced.

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 Lane County Parks Department at 541-682-2000. For health information, contact the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance (HABS) program at 971-673-0400 or visit www.healthoregon.org/hab. Also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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