



# News Release

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## BLUE-GREEN ALGAE ADVISORY LIFTED FOR LAKE LOWELL

Southwest District Health (SWDH), in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has lifted the Health Advisory for Lake Lowell. The advisory was issued August 25, 2017.

DEQ officials monitored blue-green algae and associated toxins where harmful algal blooms (HABs) were present and have confirmed that blue-green algae levels in Lake Lowell have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold.

Other blooms may exist on this waterbody that have not been reported to DEQ or the health district. Water users should always exercise caution around water bodies with visible slime or surface scum or a foul odor. High concentrations of toxin-producing blue-green algae may cause illness to both humans and animals. Report any concerns to DEQ at 208.373.0550.

Please be aware the E. coli advisory issued September 8, 2017 remains in effect.

For more information about harmful algal blooms, visit DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/blue-green-algae/>.

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