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**Health advisories lifted for Mormon Reservoir and Thorn Creek Reservoir**

CAMAS AND GOODING COUNTIES–South Central Public Health District (SCPHD), in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has lifted the health advisories for Mormon Reservoir and Thorn Creek Reservoir. The advisories were issued in June 2017 for Mormon Reservoir and July 2017 for Thorn Creek Reservoir due to hazardous algae blooms (HABs).

DEQ officials continued to monitor blue-green algae and associated toxins where HABs were present and have confirmed that blue-green algae levels for Mormon Reservoir and Thorn Creek Reservoir have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold.

SCPHD and DEQ advise users of the reservoirs to be cautious in and around areas where the algal blooms are still visible. Water users should always exercise caution around bodies of water with visible slime, 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 208-736-2190 or SCPHD at 208-737-5900.

More Information:

- Visit DEQ's website at: <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/recreation-health-advisories/blue-green-algae/>
- For updates, please visit [phd5.idaho.gov](http://phd5.idaho.gov) or call the Public Health Hotline 866-450-3594

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