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Health Advisory Lifted For Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

TWIN FALLS COUNTY - The South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are lifting the public health advisory for Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir after recent testing showed micro-toxins are now at safe levels in the water. This is the second reservoir to see a health advisory lifted this fall, SCPHD lifted the advisory on Magic Reservoir on October 3rd, 2019. Harmful algal bloom (HAB) health advisories remain in Mormon Reservoir, under advisory since July 25th, and Thorn Creek Reservoir, under advisory since August 23rd.

SCPHD Public Health Program Manager Josh Jensen said, "Even though the health advisory is lifted for Magic and Salmon Falls Creek reservoirs it's important to stay observant and careful in and around areas where algal blooms are still present."

HABs are not unusual in warm summer months and typically shrink quickly as the water temperature drops in mid to late fall. SCPHD will issue another press release when DEQ tests show Thorn Creek and Mormon reservoirs are at safe cyanotoxin levels again.

You can help by reporting suspicious looking water to DEQ by phone, email, or with the bloomWatch app.

More information is available at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/recreation-health-advisories/cyanobacteria-harmful-algal-blooms/>

More information about HABs: <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/blue-green-algae/>

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