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## **Health Advisory Lifted For Magic Reservoir**

BLAINE AND CAMAS COUNTY - The South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are lifting the public health advisory for Magic Reservoir after recent testing showed micro-toxins are now at safe levels in the water. Health advisories because of harmful algal blooms (HABs) remain in: Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, under advisory since July 8<sup>th</sup>, Mormon Reservoir, under advisory since July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thorn Creek Reservoir, under advisory since August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

SCPHD Public Health Program Manager Josh Jensen said, "Even though the health advisory is lifted for Magic Reservoir, water users should still be 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, Mormon, and Salmon Falls Creek 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/>

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