

## **NEWS**

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## **Health advisory lifted for Cascade Reservoir in Valley County**

**Valley County, ID** - Central District Health (CDH) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have lifted a health advisory for Cascade Reservoir in Valley County. The advisory was issued on October 5, 2020, due to a harmful algal bloom (HAB). After regular monitoring, and water sample collection and testing, DEQ has confirmed that levels have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold.

Public health and DEQ advise water users to be cautious in and around areas where a bloom may still be visible — always use caution around water bodies with visible slime, surface scum, or a foul odor. High concentrations of toxin-producing cyanobacteria may cause illness to both humans and animals.

For information on cyanobacteria blooms, how to report suspicious water, and a map of recreational water quality health advisories in Idaho, visit <a href="https://www.deq.idaho.gov/recreation-health-advisories">www.deq.idaho.gov/recreation-health-advisories</a>. Many harmful algal blooms are identified through public reporting. If you suspect a bloom on a recreational water body in Idaho, report it to DEQ at <a href="https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/">https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/</a>.

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