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## **BLUE-GREEN ALGAE ADVISORY LIFTED FOR BROWNLEE**

Southwest District Health, in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has lifted the Health Advisory for the Brownlee Reservoir. The advisory was issued in July 2016.

DEQ officials monitor blue-green algae and associated toxins where harmful algal blooms (HABs) are present and have confirmed that blue-green algae levels in the Brownlee Reservoir 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.

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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