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Health Advisory Lifted for Murtaugh Lake and Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

IDAHO - The South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is lifting the public health advisory for Murtaugh Lake and Salmon Falls Creek Reservoirs after testing by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) show concentrations of a toxin, microcystin, are back to safe levels.

HABs are not unusual in warm summer months and typically shrink quickly as the water temperature drops in fall or winter. SCPHD will issue another press release if testing at any local reservoirs show unsafe 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/cyanobacteria-harmful-algal-blooms/

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