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UPDATE: Blue-green Algae Advisory Lifted for Hayden and Avondale Lakes

KOOTENAI CO., ID – Health advisories for Hayden Lake and Avondale Lake have been lifted by Panhandle Health District (PHD) and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The [advisories](#) were issued due to high concentrations of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

Hayden and Avondale Lakes are safe again for fishing, swimming and domestic water supply use with the appropriate water treatment technology. The public should continue to avoid any floating surface scum and contact DEQ at (208) 769-1422 to report any concerns.

Fernan Lake is still under a health advisory due to the presence of blue-green algae. People recreating near Fernan Lake are advised to avoid swallowing or inhaling water and to avoid direct contact with water containing visible algae. PHD and DEQ are monitoring the conditions and will advise the public when the concern no longer exists.

Updated information on harmful algae blooms in northern Idaho can be found online at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/blue-green-algae/>.

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