

Media Release:

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Red Lake Wildlife Area, Alpine County:

Red Lake in Alpine County has a green algae-like film in its water. Water samples were collected on 09/06/2018 and show signs of cyanobacteria.



Preliminary results for the cyanotoxin analyses from the laboratory shows high levels. Preliminary results indicate high levels (above 20 ug/L) of genes capable of producing the microcystin toxin. CAUTION level signs were placed throughout the lake on 09/07/2018 by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).



Recommendation from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to upgrade health advisory signs to DANGER level advisory. CDFW will repost signs to upgrade the signs to DANGER level.



See attached DANGER level signage.


DANGER

Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals

  **Stay out of the water until further notice. Do not touch scum in the water or on shore.**

  **Do not** let pets or other animals drink or go into the water or go near the scum.

  **Do not** eat fish or shellfish from this water.

 **Do not** use this water for drinking or cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe.

For people, the toxins can cause:

- Skin rashes, eye irritation
- Diarrhea, vomiting

For animals, the toxins can cause:

- Diarrhea, vomiting
- Convulsions and death

Contact your doctor or veterinarian if you or your pet get sick after going in the water.
For more information on harmful algae go to <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>
For local information contact: (916) 358-2900

PELIGRO

Toxinas de algas en estas aguas pueden causar daño a la gente y matar animales



Manténganse fuera del agua hasta nuevo aviso. No toque la espuma lamosa en el agua o en la orilla.



No deje que sus mascotas o animales beban o se metan al agua, o se acerquen a la espuma lamosa.



No coma pescados o mariscos de estas aguas.



No use esta agua para beber o cocinar. Hervir o filtrar el agua no hace que sea segura.

En las personas, las toxinas pueden causar:

- Irritación de los ojos o la piel
- Diarrea, vómito

En los animales, las toxinas pueden causar:

- Diarrea, vómito
- Convulsiones y muerte

Llame a su médico o veterinario si usted o su mascota se enferman después de meterse al agua.

Para información sobre dañinas, vaya a: <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>

Para información local comuníquese con: (916) 358-2900