

Potential Blue-Green Algae Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) At Stillwater NWR

Based on a report of blue-green algae on Stillwater NWR, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is issuing a “HAB Watch” which is the lowest health advisory when it is suspected that a HAB may be present. This advisory cautions recreators that harmful algae may be present in the water. Since the initial report did not include a location, the "Watch" will include each unit in the hunt area north of Division Road.

Please be extra cautious with your dogs. It is impossible to keep them from drinking the water and they are more sensitive to the toxins produced by the algae. We recommend leaving them at home for the time being.

We'll be collecting samples for testing on October 10, but do not expect to have any results for several weeks. We're nearing the end of the HAB season as things cool down, and 30 days after a negative test or if it freezes (the race is on...) they will take us off the watch list.

For more info on HAB, please visit NDEP's website at:

<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-monitoring/harmful-algal-bloom-program>

To track our HAB status, you can check their weekly report here:

<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/water-quality-monitoring/harmful-algal-bloom-program/hab-data>

or the Nevada Office of State Epidemiology HAB Dashboard at:

<https://nvose.org/programs/environmental-health/harmful-algal-blooms-eh/>



HAB WATCH



Harmful Algae May be Present

Blue-Green Algae May be Harmful to Humans & Animals



Swimming, wading, and jet skiing are discouraged near visible blooms.



Keep pets & livestock away from water.

Report harmful algal blooms to
Nevada Division of
Environmental Protection at:
1-888-331-6337

Report possible algal bloom
related illness to Nevada
Department of Health and Human
Services at: 1-775-684-5911

- Use caution when contacting lake water and wash with clean, potable water afterward
- Avoid areas of algae accumulation
- Do not let people or pets eat dried algae or drink untreated water

In case of contact with harmful algae: Call a doctor or veterinarian if people or animals have nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, irritated eyes, seizures, breathing problems or other unexplained illness.

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For more information: Scan QR code or visit <https://ndep.nv.gov/>



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