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Bacteria count down at Sandy Point Beach; swimming okay

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BOISE — Cautions against swimming or wading at the Sandy Point Beach recreational area as a result of E. coli contamination have been lifted.

Water quality sampling no longer reveals E. coli bacteria levels in excess of state water quality standards, reports the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

On July 8, DEQ recommended that any activity that could result in the ingestion of reservoir water be avoided at the Sandy Point Beach recreational area due to excess E. coli bacterial levels.

Sampling now shows that E. coli is no longer a threat to public health. Routine monitoring will continue and, if E. coli levels increase above standards, the public will be informed.

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