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Swim portion of XTERRA Utah off-road triathlons cancelled due to HAB Events to proceed as Run-Bike-Run Duathlons

September 13, 2021 (Ogden, UT) – The swim portions of the XTERRA USA Championship and XTERRA Utah Sprint off-road triathlons scheduled to take place at Pineview Reservoir on September 25, 2021, have been cancelled due to high levels of cyanobacteria in the water. Both events will proceed as run-bike-run duathlons that will start and finish at Snowbasin Resort.

“It’s an unfortunate, but necessary decision based on the data and guidance we’ve received from officials at the Weber-Morgan Health Department and the scientists at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality who have been conducting weekly tests at Pineview Reservoir,” said XTERRA World Tour president, Janet Clark.

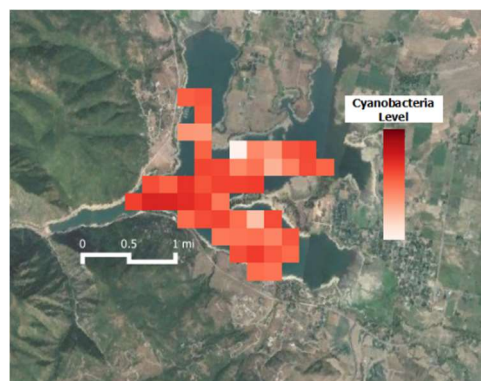
There is currently a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Warning Advisory for Pineview Reservoir in effect, based on samples taken August 31, 2021, that contained a toxigenic cell density of 9,109,964 cells/mL, well above the UDWQ/UDOH recommended Warning Advisory threshold of 100,000 cells/mL.

Warning advisory signs, located at all access points around Pineview Reservoir, instructs the public not to swim or engage in any activities where submersion or ingestion is possible.

“The best thing we can do for the safety of our athletes and crew at this time is heed the warnings and stay out of the water,” added Clark.

Results from the most recent round of tests are expected early this week, however, there is no indication the harmful algal blooms will recede to acceptable levels in the near future. The image seen here is Sept. 4 satellite imagery of Pineview Reservoir, which is just 20% full due to the drought, shows a lake-wide bloom.

You can find the most current Pineview Reservoir water quality updates, learn more about HABs, and how to protect yourself, family, and pets at:



<https://deq.utah.gov/health-advisory-panel/pineview-reservoir-recreational-monitoring-2021>

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