

- I do not support sections 1 and 2 of HB 4029 because it specifically takes away local control over whether or not to build a pedestrian bridge over the Deschutes River
- The people of Bend are best placed to consider the balance of sustainable recreation with wildlife protection on the Deschutes River and are better able to assemble and apply the facts from all perspectives. In the current environment, there is a lot of emotion and a lot of unsupported assertions on all sides of the argument.
- Proponents of this bill declare this a preventative measure that is designed to protect rivers and public lands from extractive industries and the Trump administration. If so, why do sections 1 and 2 call out very specific parcels of land?
- I live in SW Bend, I'm a native Oregonian, I grew up learning a tremendous respect for our public lands and the environment, and I'm a mountain biker. I think we can figure this out without being forced into a solution by a few special interest groups.

Thank you

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