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As an avid user of the Deschutes River Trail and a community member of Bend, Oregon who makes my living working the outdoor recreation industry, I believe that BPRD's proposal to put in a new bridge across the Deschutes River is irresponsible stewardship of our natural resources, we stand to lose far more than we will gain in an area where we already have plenty of accessibility.

The one-mile stretch where this bridge is being proposed is currently managed like a wildlife refuge, hosting Bald and Golden Eagle habitat, deer and elk winter range, a documented wetland, habitat for Blue Heron, Osprey, mink, beaver, otter, native Redband Trout, native Mountain Whitefish, bobcats, coyote, a variety of waterfowl, and amphibians.

Recreation at the expense of wildlife is irresponsible stewardship of our natural resources, we are now in an era where we must have eyes toward the future more than ever, there is too much at stake. I fully support HB4029, and to upholding the rules that were created with the intention of protecting our State Scenic Waterway for generations to come.

The Deschutes River is one of this country's most outstanding and unique free-flowing rivers, it's up to us to use our voices to keep it that way.

Respectfully,

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