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I oppose the ban on a bridge spanning the Deschutes River between Sunriver and Bend. Opposition to the bridge appears to come from private landowners near or on the river whose interests are individual and not the greater community. The landowners have, in part, embraced environmental and conservation groups who oppose the bridge; they have likely done so because these groups provide a sympathetic rationale. I am favor of a bridge because a bridge will allow the community access to a trail that would run from Bend to Sunriver. There is only one section (around 2-3 miles I believe) that prevents the connection. The bridge will make that link. Now is the time to build a bridge. The more time passes, the more difficult it will likely be due to additional private interests. The bridge will well serve the greater Bend community who far outnumber the few deep-pocketed landowners.

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