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I am opposed to the proposed footbridge at the south end of Bend. Anyone who lives here in Bend and thinks that the proposed bridge across the Deschutes River to gain access to the National Forest trails along the west bank should take the time to walk the trails to expose themselves to the situation there. Just be prepared to step aside every few minutes for unleashed dogs, groups of joggers, and bike riders.

The trail is already over-used, littered and not compatible with the definition of "a wild river". With a bridge built what are the next obvious steps that will be needed to IMPROVE the trail? Pavement? A.D.S. compliance, the list goes on and where does it all end.

Bend Parks and Rec. is a bureaucracy run amuck loaded with funds and influence. I say let their authority focus on the Bend CITY parks where it belongs. If the U.S. Forest Service wanted a bridge it would build one itself. Over use and a scenic and wild river cannot co-exist.

Thanks for your time. Tommy Thompson