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**We are in support of HB 2027 for the reasons below:**

The river values were identified as “necessary to protect and enhance Outstandingly Remarkable Values.” The Plan speaks to the values we desire: “...the wildlife habitat was considered to be significant because it provides important nesting habitat for birds and travel corridors for migrating game animals such as deer and elk.” Over the past 22 years, we have lived on the rim above this section of the river. We have seen both the abundance of wildlife (bob cats, bald and golden eagles, osprey, deer, elk, beaver) and the profound effects of increased pressure from land development, river activity (primarily white water kayakers) and the very limited trail use of the Sunrise Village common ground. To add the **tremendous and unfathomable** impact of a pedestrian/bike bridge, which will substantially increased trail use, is an absolute threat to the intent of The Plan and the values identified for the river communities.

Growth and change most definitely impacts the desire to have increased river access; however, using growth as a reason to adversely modify the protection of waterway values and special attributes is a warped motivator. We believe a bridge is the worst sort of violation of S-3 on page 34, which reads, “River access will enhance the recreational experience while protecting scenic qualities.” A high traffic pedestrian bridge blocking the view of a wild and scenic river and riverside trails, which will also be high use, is most certainly a damaging development and adverse to the intent of The Plan. **With high traffic comes damage to vegetation, noxious weeds, litter, vandalism — all which have an impact on the eagles, beavers, deer, osprey, bob cat and elk that have inhabited the area.** As a voter, we did not approve the BMPRD’s bond levy, anticipating the BMPRD had the intent and power to override The Plan.

River Communities are held to rigorously high standards for good reason, as stated in The Plan under the Conservation Agreement, “This program is a valuable way to protect and enhance scenic and vegetative values.” Evidently, BMPRD does not believe it is held to the same high standards. A pedestrian/bike bridge and the traffic impact of the foot/bike traffic traveling next the river violates The State’s Scenic Waterway Program Goals on page 47, specifically hampering the free-flowing character of wildlife, the scenic, natural and wildlife values along scenic waterways, and harming private property rights. Specifically, it says **“The Act discourages unsightly structures or inappropriate development that could be a nuisance to neighboring landowners and/or even depreciate property values.”** The Scenic Waterway Program Goals encourage local agencies to act consistently with the goals of the program. We believe BMPRD’s intent is contrary to The Plan’s Conservation Agreement.

Most Sincerely,

Diana and Matt Tomseth

Bend Oregon residents since 1963

The comprehensive management plan (the plan) is designed to hel

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best express the values you desire for this segment of the river? Tip:  
See  
pages 21-26 of the plan.

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Prompt 2a: The River Communities and Change

The plan also specifies standards and guidelines for protection o  
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identified, to include the use of private lands. Do you feel the  
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Thank you.

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Prompt 3a: The River Communities and Protection

The plan also outlines waterway program goals that serve to promote

cooperative protection and wise use of the river by all. River area classifications are well defined, as are specific land management rules.

Do you feel that residents throughout the River Communities want changes to protective rules for this segment of the waterway? Tip: See

pages 47-56 of the plan.

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