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To: [SENRR Exhibits](#)
Subject: HB2027
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I am writing to urge you to pass HB2027. Our scenic rivers need to be protected, and regulations regarding them not changed or controlled by powerful special interest groups (currently Bend Parks). There is no need for a bridge, as there is already access from one side of the river to the other. It is just not exactly where BPRD would like it.

One reason parks say this is necessary is that there is not enough parking along this area. A Forest Service visitor info center was just built near this area last year, and there is plenty of room for parking and expanded parking at this site. They are currently building tunnels under Century Drive to allow pedestrians and bikes safe access to this area from the river side of the road.

One of the routes suggested for this trail be on an existing private bike path straight through a private residential neighborhood and will require condemnation of private lands that are not even along the river's edge. It would take users 3 miles out of the way and away from the river.

Please look at this issue carefully. It could set a dangerous precedent if the state allows an extremely wealthy and powerful park district to basically overrule state land use policies.

Thank you,

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