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I oppose the bridge proposal put forward by Bend Parks and Rec.and therefore support HB 2027.

The need for this bridge is controversial; the west side river trails are already very heavily utilized and this bridge would increase traffic more. All reaches of the river on the west side are readily accessed through numerous entry points.

The impact of more traffic is predictable. Areas already showing breakdown of riparian habitat and erosion will only worsen.

Finally the BP&R proposal seems to exploit a loophole on the State Scenic Waterways Act.

I encourage you to close that loophole. HB 2027 does that in this case, but in the future a more general fix should be considered.

Thank you for your attention.

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