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Cc: Rep Whisnant; Sen Knopp; Rep Buehler

Subject: URGENT - Opposition to HB2027 Block Bridge to connect Bend & Sunriver Trail

**Date:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 1:51:32 PM

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing in opposition to HB2027 and request that you **let this bill die in committee** for the following reasons:

This bill was pushed through the House by Sunriver Rep Whisnant circumventing rulemaking and public process for the benefit of a few.

The bridge site favored by the citizen's committee and endorsed by the Bend Parks & Rec Dept is on federal land. It has been in the planning process for many years.

Surveys have shown a high level of support for this trail connection and bridge from residents of Bend, Sunriver and others. It would reduce auto traffic, increase health and fitness of residents and provide enhanced recreation opportunities and continued economic growth via recreational tourism.

I live on the Bend River Trail in Bend, and the foot traffic by our home is not a problem. We are happy to see people enjoying the trail.

Thank you for considering my email.

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