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This is a letter to the Editor of the Bend Bulletin:

When the Bend Parkway was proposed, there was controversy. When the extension of Reed Market and the Bill Healy Bridge was proposed, there was controversy. When the Larkspur Trail was proposed, there was controversy. Farewell Bend Park- more controversy. These projects all involved public controversy, but after the dust settled they have become public assets and are promoted.

Bend Parks and Recreation is continuing a plan that is over 30 years old to build a trail along the Deschutes River with a footbridge over the river at the southern end of the UGB. If it is completed this bridge will become another great community asset for all to use and enjoy.

Recently passed Oregon House bill 2027 is an attempt to derail this bridge, privatize a section of the river and keep the community out. The bridge will be built on Forest Service land and will have a complete Environmental Analysis done by experts in their fields based on science and not selfish emotions.

House bill 2027 will go to the Senate....lets hope the Senate isn't as narrow minded.

Sincerely

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