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Hello,

First, thank you for your time and what you do for our state.

I would like to state that I believe this is a local issue and should be dealt with at the local level. We love our area but at the same time desire access by foot to this area. I hope you will send this back to the local level and let us decided what happens or does not happen in our backyards.

Thank you for your time and service.

House Bill 4029 seeks to **ban bridge construction** over the Deschutes River within certain portions of the Deschutes River Scenic Waterway, basically from the Central Oregon Irrigation District intake to a location upriver of Sunriver. **This bill would effectively thwart the Bend Park and Recreation District's (BPRD) long-range plan to build a pedestrian bridge that would connect recreational trail users on the east side of the river with public lands and trails on the west side, which extend to Sunriver.** Last year, 72% of respondents to a BPRD survey were supportive of completing a footbridge crossing on the south boundary of Bend.