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Dear Member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I urge your support for House Bill 4029, which will better protect the Deschutes River. Currently, the Deschutes River is designated as both a State Scenic Waterway and a Federal Wild and Scenic River. The proposed bridge construction and associated developments will weaken the current river and public land protections. I am very concerned about any weakening of public land protections and the precedent it will set.

The existing administrative rule OAR 736-040-0073 has been in place for more than 20 years and the legislature should uphold the intent of this rule by adopting HB 4029 and ensure this stretch of the river can be protected for many more years.

A bridge on this stretch of the upper Deschutes River will be detrimental to habitat in the river corridor that is home to spotted frogs, bald eagles, golden eagles, eld, cougar, mule deer, owls, beaver, otters and more. Increased disturbance in the river corridor will be harmful to theses animals and their habitat.

Please vote in favor of HB 4029

Thank you,
David Jewett