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Committee on Agriculture and National Resources Representative Brian Clem, Chair 900 Court Street, NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger and members of the Committee:

I am a homeowner on Buck Canyon Road just south of Bend oregon. Bend Parks and Recreation has proposed a walking bridge across the Deschutes River in our neighborhood, connecting the communities of south Bend and Deschutes River Woods to U.S. Forest Service and federal lands on the west side.

The current measure House Bill 4029 calls for a ban on a bridge crossing the Deschutes River at the current designated location. There are claims that this would negatively affect wildlife habitat, but as this is already a developed area on both sides of the river, and walking bridges have already been put in Bend without negatively affecting the river. These claims seem untrue to me. Unfortunately, the bill is being supported by the the desire of a small percentage of residents on the west side of the river, who wish to prevent the majority from accessing federal land for recreation close to their property. Don't give into their ploy. Our beautiful system of public lands are there for the public to use, including you and me. I count on you to see through this scheme presented by the west side minority and vote NO on Bill 4029.

Thank you for your service to our State and Country.

Sincerely,

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