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To: The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

I recently moved to Bend in 2015 and fell in love with the beauty of Central Oregon and specifically the Deschutes River. I looked forward to hiking the forests and seeing evidence of wildlife throughout. I was shocked to see how little wildlife remains and the herds of elk are not to be found. As I learned more about our wildlife and the impact of Bend's growth on their habitat, I feel it is our obligation to protect what we are all loving to death.

Please support HB 4029 and respect the protections provided to the Upper Deschutes by the Wild and Scenic designations. As our populations grow, it is ever more important for us to become stewards of our wild places. We need to learn that we can do without and treat our rivers, and nature as if it were the precious and priceless assets that they are.

Once we destroy these places we will never get them back. I want our future generations to have the wild as part of their lives. It is selfish and evil of us to not protect these last few remaining wild ecosystems.

Sincerely,
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