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Hello!

I am a resident of the SW area of Bend that would benefit enormously from a pedestrian bridge to access the trails of the Deschutes River by foot and by bike that is being so hotly disputed. I agree entirely with the article pasted below....this could not possibly be an environmental issue when new developments are being built in this area without any public input. My daughter attends school at Elk Meadow elementary...the historical elk nature sanctuary is long gone with the rapid growth and development in this area. The loudest opponents I've met at the public hearings about this bridge are people who have built their big homes on this beautiful land and would prefer not to see the area grow any further. My husband and I chose to raise our daughters here because we are health minded and want our children to know and love and respect the outdoors. A bridge would only afford us the opportunity go by foot instead of by car to the trail we can see across the river from our neighbor's property. Many of our neighbors agree with us and support the building of a pedestrian bridge.

Please read the following opinion piece:

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<https://www.bendsource.com/bend/deschutes-river-trail-bridge-the-environmental-impact-argument-is-faulty/Content?oid=3219989>

Thank you for your consideration!

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