

Please support HB 4029 to maintain the 30-year ban on new bridges across the Deschutes River upstream of Bend. The wildlife, much imperiled by Bend's explosive growth, need this refuge, FAR more than recreationists need another bridge.

I am a 31-year resident of Bend, and an Oregon native. I live in NE Bend, far from the affected area — this is not a NIMBY issue, it is an issue of protecting wildlife in the face of Bend's massive growth.

I am a retired trails specialist of 30 years, and an active user of trails, but not every trail nor bridge should be built. Restraint is needed to protect wildlife and habitat, and prevent erosion into waterways.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

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