

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my full support for HB 4029 to help protect the Deschutes River from further disruption and development by building the bridge between Tumalo and Sunriver. Allowing this bridge further weakens river protections already in place, when an alternate route could be found that complies with the state laws. I spend time in central and eastern Oregon, and every year see more development in the Bend/Tumalo/Redmond area which can only degrade wildlife habitat and the ecosystem. This bridge would set a dangerous precedent for other rivers in the state if allowed to continue.

At a time when the federal government is doing it's best to strip protections of public lands in the west, it behooves our state to take a firmer stand to protect our own resources and uphold the intent of the State Scenic Waterway Act. Please pass HB 4029 and continue to protect the Deschutes River.

Thank you.

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