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Dear members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

I urge your support for House Bill 4029, which continues the existing ban on new bridges over reaches of the Upper Deschutes River that are designated a State Scenic Waterway and a Federal Wild and Scenic River.

I live at Crooked River Ranch on the canyon rim above the Middle Deschutes River. From Lower Bridge Road to Lake Billy Chinook, there is no bridge over the river. Most of this stretch of the Deschutes is permanently designated a Federal Wild and Scenic River. As a result, the native flora and fauna thrive along the river canyon! Our section of the Deschutes is already being "loved to death." We are struggling to maintain the existing BLM trails on the canyon's east side. Adding more access on the west side of the river would be disastrous. Please don't allow any development on the Upper Deschutes River, including a potential bridge, that would weaken existing protections. I am very concerned about the precedent it would set for the rest of Central Oregon.

I understand that Oregon State Parks has already undergone two public processes that included stakeholder groups in the past three years, open houses, and public meetings to discuss this issue. It has been thoroughly vetted locally. Each time the conclusion was to maintain current river protections.

Please vote in favor of HB 4029.

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