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Subject: Support for HB 4029
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Dear Chairman Clem, Vice Chairs McLain, and Sprenger, and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

I writing to ask you for your support of House Bill 4029. The proposed bridge would have devastating effects on the now protected area of the State Scenic Waterway and Federal Wild and Scenic River.

The wildlife is abundant and flourishes due to the existing administrative rule - OAR 736-040-0073 - which was put in place more than 20 years ago, and the legislature should uphold the intent by adopting HB 4029 and ensuring this stretch of river can be protected for many more years. The wildlife that lives in this protected corridor are the following but not limited to, Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Deer, Elk, Coyotes, Red-tail Hawks, Bobcats, River otters, Beaver, Trout, and the Spotted frog.

I am resident of Bend and a wildlife photographer. I live near the Helen M. Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary and have the privilege to photographing these animals first hand and it is my opinion that the wildlife would be displaced by the constant foot traffic of people and their pets that would be encroaching or destroying their breeding, and nesting territory. There are no shortages of trails and foot bridges in Bend, and as a outdoor enthusiast myself I appreciate the great the abundance of trails that the area offers, but there has to be a balance, and I feel the addition of the proposed foot bridge in this sensitive area is going too far and would be not upholding the protections put in place years ago to protect the wildlife of this precious small stretch of the Deschutes river.

The following photo's were taken by me over the last 18 months in the area that will be directly impacted by the foot bridge.



March 2017 Red-tail hawk with 2 young chicks nesting in one of the platforms built in the Helen M. Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary



June 2017 Chicks getting ready to leave the nest



July 2017

One of the Young Red-tail hawks starting to hunt on its own but the parents are still around to feed them



March 2017 Bald Eagle hunting for a meal



Aug 2017 Great Blue Heron catching a trout in the river



Feb 2017 Pair of Golden Eagles



Feb 2017 Golden Eagle taking a plunge in the river



Feb 2017 Golden Eagle taking a bath in the river



Sept. 2017 Herd of deer on the west side of the river



April 2017

Coyote Mom with pup came to the river for a drink of water



2017 Osprey with trout

Oct.



Jan. 2018 Jr. Bald

Eagle waiting for parent who is flying in the area



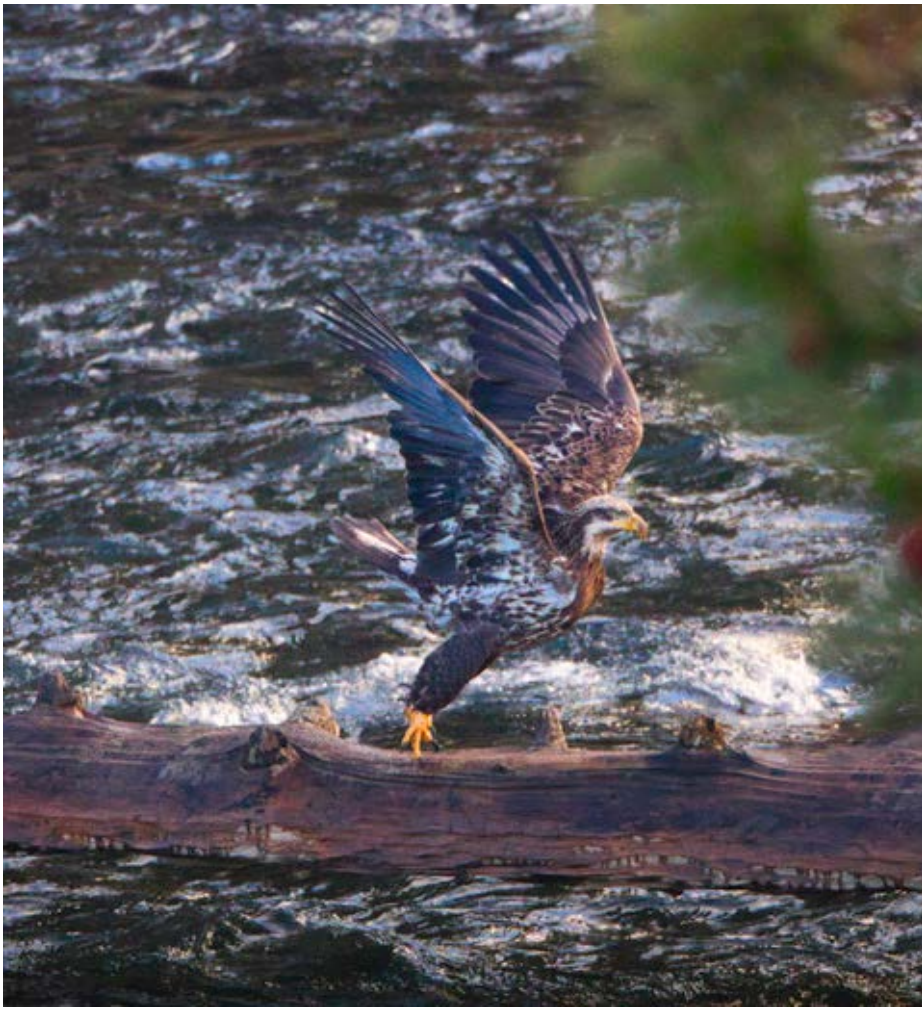
Jan. 2018

Adult Bald Eagle and juvenile Bald eagle hunting together



2018 Adult Bald eagle

Jan



Jan. 2018 A younger Jr.

Bald Eagle hunting for a meal



Feb 2018 Osprey



Sept. 2017 A coyote chased a buck into the river



Jan. 2017 Coyote in the snow

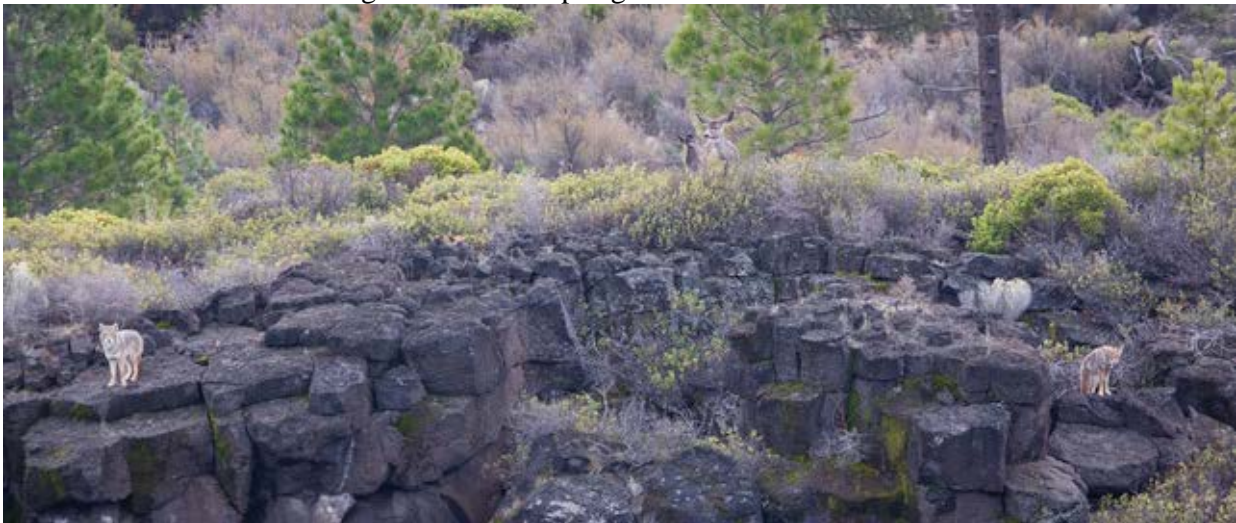


hawk being harassed by a Western Scrub Jay

Oct. 2017 Red-tail



Feb.-11- 2018 Adult Bald Eagle with its off spring



May 2017 2 Coyotes with a couple of Deer directly behind them looking a little nervous