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Support for SB 1512 and HB 4110: Bridge of the Gods Seismic Strengthening

Dear Chair Gorsek and Chair McLain and members of the committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than twenty-five federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for SB 1512 and HB 4110 to appropriate funds for Bridge of the Gods seismic analysis and strengthening.

Bridge of the Gods is a critical segment of the Pacific Crest Trail as well as provides critical connections to two additional projects identified in our Oregon Signature Trails Inventory, the Gorge Towns to Trails network and the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail.

Our coalition hopes to see bridge improvements that better accommodate hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians utilizing these trails, and we know the seismic analysis and strengthening is a critical first step.

We hope you will forward this bill to fund critical infrastructure for Gorge communities and visitors.

Thank you for your leadership,

Stephanie Noll,
Director, Oregon Trails Coalition