Please do not allow a foot/bike bridge to threaten the riverine and riparian communities of the Deschutes River closest to the city of Bend. There is a good reason that that section of the river has had special protection for 30 years. Don Horton's attempt to "connect" the Deschutes River Trail in the city with the trail in the national forest might be well meant (or might be a further reflection of his ego and power), but there is already an existing bike route that is no less direct.

SUPPORT HB 4029!

Thank you.

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