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Opposed to camping anywhere along the Greenway as well as on any Public property. I used to walk and ride the Bearcreek Greenway from Talent to Ashland, Talent to Phoenix, Medford to Central Point & Central Point to Gold quite often. often. It has become unsafe and quite literally disgusting in many cases. I am a tax paying property owning Oregonian. I have worked my whole life to get where I am. No one gave me what I've earned. I did not have handouts, I made choices along the way to improve my life. It was not always easy but I did it, so I know it can be done Life is hard, choices are hard, I understand that. Providing free "housing/locations" does not help, in many cases it only enables those not making good choices to make more bad choices. In addition history has shown it increases addiction, drug use and dangerous situations over and over again. If you want to see what it will look like just take a few minutes to drive down the freeway and check out the sad nasty mess along the Bearcreek Greenway we worked hard to clean up & preserve several years ago. Nothing good can come of this. I'm all for helping people who want help. Handup, not Handout. In addition the fires, the trash, the drugs.... I could go on & on. Not helpful or safe for anyone