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Subject: CAYO COSTA STATE PARK SAY NO TO COMMERCIAL USE AT THE NARROWS
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Director Eric Draper & Staff, Members of ARC

Cayo Costa is a barrier Island to the south of the mouth of Charlotte Harbor only accessible by boat. The north end of the state park has camping amenities and transport from bayside to Gulf. It (or was) is virtually pristine to the south. The issue at hand is an example of people **"loving nature to death."**

I am in support of SAVE CAYO COSTA, a grassroots group of concerned citizens who oppose the commercialization of the island's south end. Here is their mission:

The mission of Save Cayo Costa is to preserve and protect Cayo Costa State Park's south beach at the park's most vulnerable and environmentally sensitive area known as "the Narrows". We implore the Department of Environmental Protection/Division of Recreation and Parks to immediately cease all commercial activities at the south dock reducing human impacts to the park's fragile resources.

If left unchecked and uncapped, repeated commercial landings will continue to damage the park's resources. This is the opposite of what the DEP is in business for.

I understand your department reversed its decision to close the tiny dock because of the damage being caused. You were right the first time.

Thanks,
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