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Restoring the Everglades is an very difficult and expensive task and it's very easy to get public support when you say Save the Everglades. At what expense will we go to save the Everglades? Are we willing to exclude recreational groups from using these lands that we have recreated on for the past 100 years. Just what are we saving the Everglades for? If there is any one group that is excluded from using these lands, I strongly oppose this, and that included swamp buggies, airboats, and ATV's.

The Everglades Plan has called for the filling in of the canals in WCA 3 A&B, and that would put a stop to fishing in the Everglades (which by the way is one of the best fisheries in the State and produces a huge economic impact to the area.) This plan would kill all the game fish in the area during drought conditions, and kill all the mammals in the area during high water conditions. If it weren't for the levees in the area, the mammals would already be dead due the high water we experienced this year. So, are we ready to save the Everglades at the expense of all these animals. I don't see how anyone calling themselves environmentalists or conservationists can support this CERP Plan. For the past 8 years we have tried to explain the importance of recreating in the Everglades, for some it's a way of life, an income, or just an escape from the hustle and bustle of the City.

Personaly, I would like to know what we're saving the Everglades for if we can't use it. If you think a couple of walkways in the Everglades National Park is recreating in the 'Glades, you're sadly mistaken.

Respectfully

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