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Period 2

National Parks Essay

### Profit vs. National Parks

Imagine a place where you are completely happy, where there is nothing to think about except for what is standing right in front of you. A place where the air is fresh and you are standing on grass, soil, or rocks-whatever it may be. A place where at night the lights of the city are gone and above you hangs a starry sky. Where big columns of orange rock cast shadows on the distance, or waterfalls create foam as droplets collide against the still surface of the water underneath. Where you can sit and look at alligators swimming around in the everglades swamps, or tall trees towering above you. A place where it's calm and sometimes it rai- Chop! Oh yeah, sorry, don't mind them. They're just chopping down those trees over there, but it doesn't matter, we have a few more of those left.

Our national parks are in grave danger and we need to act now. An entire ecosystem is at the brink of extinction. The parks are beautiful beacons for locals and tourists. These national treasures are places to relax, be in contact with nature, and to escape the busy world that we are so used to. Unfortunately this generation is polluting not only the air but the water and earth our national parks stand on. Florida's Governor Scott banned the use of the phrases "climate change" and "global warming." This demonstrated the interests of the government and the big corporations in Florida. We need a solution, we need people to take a stand for what is right. If

we could, all of a sudden stop selling the land of our parks to bring in profit to the surrounding cities, they have been used as places to dispatch trash and waste we create, chemicals are being dumped into their lakes and killing the ecosystems in them. The parks are calling for help but Governor Scott and other people like him in charge of decisions refuse to aid them because to the government most of our national parks are just land that can be used for the wellbeing of economy.

If our parks are to be saved we need to open awareness. “More than one-quarter of Americans are climate change skeptics, according to a new report released by the Public Religion Research Institute People” according to Business Insider. People need to actually know that this is happening and that they can do something to stop it. Awareness comes through social media, news, movies, and anything the people see daily. Another way to help the parks is to make sure that many people go there so they can see how beautiful the parks are. Little things like donating, recycling, and picking up after yourself can go a long way too. By adjusting your lifestyle to reflect what you believe you can help the parks and the planet.