Interactive comment on “Threshold effects of hazard mitigation in coastal human–environmental systems” by E. D. Lazarus

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I certainly enjoyed reading this manuscript. It is well written and provides a valuable contribution to the topic of human-environment coupling. Specifically, the author addresses the feedbacks between mitigation, hazards and natural forcing. The model proposed is extremely abstracted and focus on specific dynamics and interactions. Still, the results are interesting and somehow unexpected particularly in light of the model simplicity. More importantly, the mechanisms driving the model behavior are effectively explained so that the reader clearly understands the overall message of the contribution.

I am confident this contribution will be of interest to a broad audience and I am certainly favorable to publication also because the comments of the reviewers have been prop-
early addressed by the author in the reply-letter and I agree with suggested changes to the manuscript.

Finally, I wish to thank the author for submitting his interesting work to ESurf and I am sorry for the delay in my reply, giovanni coco

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