



## Why we endorsed John McCain

**John McCain understands—as did President Theodore Roosevelt, President Ronald Reagan, and the great conservative philosopher Edmund Burke—that being a good steward is essential to being a good conservative.**

**After 25 years in Congress, John McCain is a conservation leader with a strong record of environmental stewardship.**

### **McCain is a proven leader on energy and climate change.**

He was the first senator of any party to introduce comprehensive climate legislation and force votes on the issue.

He has taken his congressional colleagues to the ends of the earth to show them the impacts of climate change, educate them on climate research, and win their support for key legislation.

His balanced energy policy will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels through conservation, innovation, and greater reliance on clean, alternative sources of energy.

### **McCain is a champion of national parks and wilderness areas.**

He won passage of legislation to protect the Grand Canyon from noisy airplane overflights.

He led the fight to secure protection for 3.4 million acres of pristine Arizona forests and deserts.

He courageously voted to safeguard President Eisenhower's greatest conservation legacy, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

### **McCain fights environmentally destructive pork projects.**

He has repeatedly led efforts to reform the way Congress funds water projects and block pork-barrel boondoggles that degrade America's rivers and destroy our vital wetlands.

**In contrast, Barack Obama has no record of leadership on any of these issues. He even joined the special interests in opposing McCain's water reform legislation.**

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## A 100-year heritage of Republican stewardship

### ***In 1908...***

Republican President Theodore Roosevelt, America's greatest conservation president, was in the most active phase of an administration that did more to protect our precious natural heritage than any other, before or since.



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### ***In 2008...***

the American people have the opportunity to elect another great pro-conservation Republican president.

For more information on Senator McCain's history of conservation leadership, visit:  
**[www.rep.org/McCain\\_record.html](http://www.rep.org/McCain_record.html)**

## About REP

**Republicans for Environmental Protection** is a national grassroots organization founded in 1995 to resurrect the GOP's great conservation tradition and to restore natural resource conservation and sound environmental protection as fundamental elements of the Republican Party's vision for America.

REP is based on the idea that *Conservation is Conservative*<sup>®</sup> and that dedicated Republicans can and should be dedicated conservationists. We work to advance the original conservative philosophy that compels us to be good stewards of our great American heritage—clean air, clean water, wildlife, and wild lands.

If you are a Republican who wants to protect the land we love and safeguard our environment for current and future generations of Americans, we invite you to join REP. Membership benefits include both *C.E.P. (Conservative Environmental Policy) Quarterly* and *The Green Elephant*, plus invitations to conferences, workshops and social events.

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