

Romney's Environmental Experts Know Too Much About The Environment To Destroy It

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Forbes has an article up from Patrick Michaels of the Cato Institute about Mitt Romney's environmental team, and man is he scared to death that they're...too environmentalist?

Yup. A rundown of potential heads of the EPA and Secretary of Energy includes the crimes of being "flat-out for cap-and-trade legislation," which implies that you "believe that global warming is a problem so severe that it requires such a major intervention," and being "instrumental in getting the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 passed." It's downright shocking that people considered for ranking environmental positions in the gummiment would have a record of caring for the environment, especially to the point of being involved in laws preserving it.

My favorite line of the piece: "We can't expect Romney to have particular expertise on climate change." Uhh...we can't? Dude's running for president. Maybe Michaels doesn't want Romney to be an expert because then he'd be more susceptible to Michaels' anti-environmental recommendations, which include pulping the EPA and getting rid of all alternative energy subsidies. Those do sound like good ideas, if you don't know anything. Fortunately, as the Cato Institute helpfully points out, Romney's environmental team doesn't suffer from that problem.