

## McCain, Edwards pick up eco-endorsements

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WASHINGTON -- Two U.S. presidential hopefuls, Republican John McCain and Democrat John Edwards, picked up endorsements from environmental groups Monday. Presidential hopeful McCain, a U.S. senator from Arizona, has picked up the endorsement of the Republicans for Environmental Protection, The Hill reported. McCain, known for his support of limiting greenhouse gases, "is the only Republican candidate ... who understands the deep connection between true conservative values and good environmental stewardship," said Martha Marks, the group's president. On the Democratic side, former North Carolina Sen. Edwards received the endorsement of Friends of the Earth Action, the Hill reported. "John Edwards understands that we must accept responsibility for conserving natural resources and act with urgency to stop the crisis of global warming," the group's President Brent Blackwelder said. "He has led on this issue, with the best plan to halt global warming and protect the environment." Edwards also received the endorsement of Iowa's Service Employees International Union, bringing to 10 the number of state SIEU chapters giving him the nod.

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