

“Scott Pruitt, Protecting his own environment”

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“You could search the world over and never find a more inappropriate person to head the Environmental Protection Agency than Scott Pruitt. Although President Trump, who appointed Mr. Pruitt, is not part of the great legacy of Republican presidents who cared about the environment, there is a fine record for many of them.

It started with Teddy Roosevelt, who set aside millions of acres of public land and established a number of national parks. Years later, Dwight Eisenhower set aside as wilderness several million acres in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Then Richard Nixon established the Environmental Protection Agency and, unlike Mr. Trump, appointed outstanding leaders there. Ronald Reagan signed into law the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, which has saved over a million acres of storm-prone, vulnerable land.

Sadly, today’s Republican leadership does not appreciate the value of preserving wildlife and natural resources.”