According to NBC News, Trump's search for a Vice Presidential candidate is focusing on three Senators (J.D. Vance, Marco Rubio & Tim Scott) and one governor (Doug Burgham). Trump has never been one to stick religiously to a set process, and he likes to surprise. So there's a fair chance the choice will be someone else. The odds for the candidates on this list are high enough, however, to make their environmental views worth a serious look. I'll discuss them in alphabetical order.

Doug Burgham. Burgham is the governor of North Dakota and not exactly a household name. Part of his appeal to Trump seems to be his deep support for fossil fuels, an economic mainstay of the state these days. But Burgham, unlike Trump, isn't a climate denier and has announced a target for the state to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Marco Rubio. Rubio's lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters is 7%. He has called climate change a "real problem" but opposes emission cuts and favors a focus on adaptation. Rubio's biggest appeals to Trump are probably his possible ability to appeal to Hispanic voters and his proven willingness to "take the knee" (to use a phrase of Trump's).

Tim Scott. Scott's lifetime LCV score is virtually the same as Rubio's, at 6%. Scott could help peel away black voters, given the softness of Biden's support among young black men. Scott has acknowledged the reality of climate change but has avoided saying much of anything about solutions, except for reducing trade with China, India, and Africa because of their climate footprints. Some observers think that the other three possible choices are getting more serious consideration from Trump.

J.D. Vance. Vance is clearly the most anti-environmental of the four. He has a lifetime LCV score of 0%, meaning that he has never voted on what LCV considers the pro-environmental side of an issue. In opposing subsidies for EV producers and buyers, Vance said that they would only benefit China and that, "if you want to make our environment more clean, the way to do it is to invest in Ohio natural gas." When asked his views about the reality of climate change, he responded, "Well, that's a complicated question." He then added that people who are really worried about climate change should favor nuclear power and ending trade with China.

All four candidates are strong supporters of fossil fuels. Burgham's willingness to talk about carbon neutrality makes him the most promising on environmental issues, while Vance's unblemished anti-environmentalism makes him the worst. It's

hard to guess whom Trump will choose, but Vance’s zealous anti-environmentalism could give him an edge.