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The article also mentions that Biden has appointed a number of experienced environmentalists to high-level positions in his administration, including interior secretary and EPA administrator, and that these appointments are expected to lead to a more aggressive approach to environmental issues.

Overall, the article suggests that environmentalists are hoping that the Biden administration will take a more proactive and effective approach to environmental issues, reversing some of the policies that have been reversed or not taken further by the Trump administration.
"Because the [new] NEPA regulations are applicable to every federal department and agency, the amount of damage and mischief that those regulations can and will do if they are faithfully executed ... is really incalculable," said Susan Jane Brown, wildlands program director for the Western Environmental Law Center.

Brown said she would like Biden to immediately put Trump’s rules on hold and then work to repeal them.

The rule absolves federal agencies from having to consider the cumulative effects that a project can have on the environment and, in turn, how it might worsen climate change, Brown said.

In New Mexico, oil and gas companies won’t have to show the impacts that new fossil fuel production could have on the climate as well as on the water, air and Indigenous communities, Brown said.

Brown said she has won court cases because a federal agency approved a project under the previous rules without getting a full analysis of the impacts.