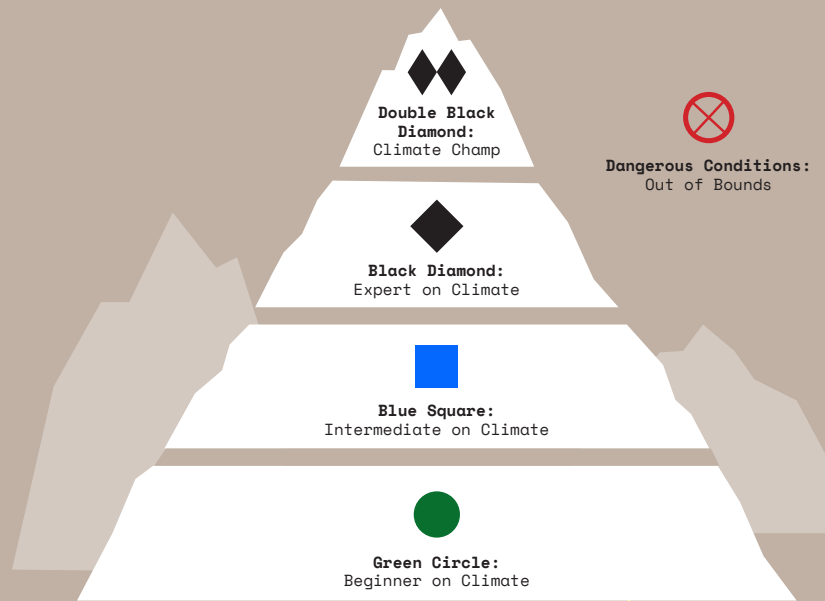


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Ratings/Criteria: Candidates were evaluated on their acceptance of climate change as a real, human-caused problem, their willingness to engage in dialogue about climate action, their voting record on climate-related legislation (if available), their willingness to engage with POW AF, the extent to which climate is a priority in their campaign, leadership displayed on climate issues in general, and whether or not they have championed climate legislation. We have rated candidates using ski area difficulty levels, with climate champions earning a “double black diamond” (expert terrain in most ski areas) and candidates who deny human-caused climate change or are unwilling to engage in dialogue about climate action earning “out of bounds.”



Candidates for the US Senate:

◆◆ **Michael Bennet (D):** Double Black Diamond

Bennet affirms the reality of the threat of climate change and has made climate action a priority in his campaign. As Senator, Bennet champions climate legislation, continuously engages with POW AF, and consistently votes in favor of climate solutions.

⊗ **Joe O’Dea (R):** Out of Bounds

O’Dea expresses skepticism regarding the human origins of climate change. He opposes meaningful climate solutions and champions policies with disastrous climate implications.

Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 1

◆◆ **Diana DeGette (D):** Double Black Diamond

DeGette emphasizes that climate change is real and demands immediate action. As a member of Congress she champions climate legislation, introducing and supporting impactful solutions while using her platform to call for climate action.

■ **Jennifer Qualteri (R):** Blue Square

Qualteri acknowledges that climate change is real and expresses interest in some solutions outside of POW AF’s policy agenda priorities.

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Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 2



Joe Neguse (D): Double Black Diamond

Neguse acknowledges that climate change is real and threatening to human life. As Congressman he has centered his work on climate action; he champions meaningful climate legislation, both introducing and voting in favor of legislative climate solutions.



Marshall Dawson (R): Out of Bounds

Dawson does not publicly acknowledge that climate change is a problem nor does he express interest in climate solutions. He supports fossil fuel infrastructure development with damaging climate effects.

District 3



Lauren Boebert (R): Out of Bounds

Boebert expresses skepticism about climate change and criticizes climate action. As Congresswoman she votes consistently against legislative climate solutions.



Adam Frisch (D): Black Diamond

Frisch affirms that climate change is real and poses an existential threat to human life. As a member of Aspen City Council he showed initiative in advancing climate solutions and he has made climate action a top priority for his campaign.

District 4



Ken Buck (R): Out of Bounds

Neguse acknowledges that climate change is real and threatening to human life. Buck acknowledges that climate change is real but does not believe that it is caused by humans. As a member of Congress, Buck regularly votes against climate solutions.



Isaac "Ike" McCorkle (D): Black Diamond

McCorkle affirms that climate change is real and a dangerous threat. He is supportive of climate solutions and has made climate action a top priority for his campaign.

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Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 5



Doug Lamborn (R): Out of Bounds

Though he is a member of the Conservative Climate Caucus, Lamborn has expressed doubt regarding climate change and whether or not it is human caused. As a member of Congress, he regularly votes against climate solutions while also supporting policies with disastrous climate effects.



Santiago (David) Goenaga-Torres (D): Blue Square

Goenaga-Torres acknowledges that climate change is real and threatening human life. He is generally interested in climate solutions, but he has not made climate action a priority for his campaign.

District 6



Jason Crow (D): Black Diamond

Crow recognizes that climate change is real and poses a significant threat to human life. As a member of Congress he consistently votes in favor of important climate solutions and uses his platform to advocate for climate action.



Steve Monahan (R): Out of Bounds

Monahan fails to acknowledge the issue of climate change except to criticize climate action. He vehemently opposes climate solutions and instead advocates for policies with harmful climate implications.

District 7



Brittany Pettersen (D): Black Diamond

Pettersen affirms that climate change is real and an existential threat to human life. As a member of the Colorado State Senate she voted consistently in favor of impactful climate solutions, and climate action is a top priority for her campaign.



Erik Aadland (R): Green Circle

Aadland acknowledges that climate change is real and that humans have a role in causing it; however he is critical of climate legislation. He fails to support climate action, instead prioritizing oil and gas development.

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Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 8



Yadira Caraveo (D): Black Diamond

Caraveo recognizes that climate change is real and centers climate action in her campaign platform. As a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, Caraveo voted consistently in favor of meaningful climate solutions.



Barbara Kirkmeyer (R): Out of Bounds

Kirkmeyer expresses uncertainty regarding the human role in climate change and has failed to make climate action a priority for her campaign. She is critical of climate action and as a Colorado State Senator voted regularly against meaningful climate solutions.