Candidates for the US House of Representatives:
Montana

Congressional District 1

Monica Tranel (D): Black Diamond

Tranel acknowledges the threat posed by climate change and advocates for climate solutions as a priority in her campaign, especially renewable energy development and emissions reduction.

Ryan Zinke (R): Out of Bounds

Zinke acknowledges that climate change is real but is not interested in climate solutions, including renewable energy development and emissions reduction. As Secretary of the Interior under President Trump, Zinke fought to advance policies with destructive impacts on the climate.

Congressional District 2
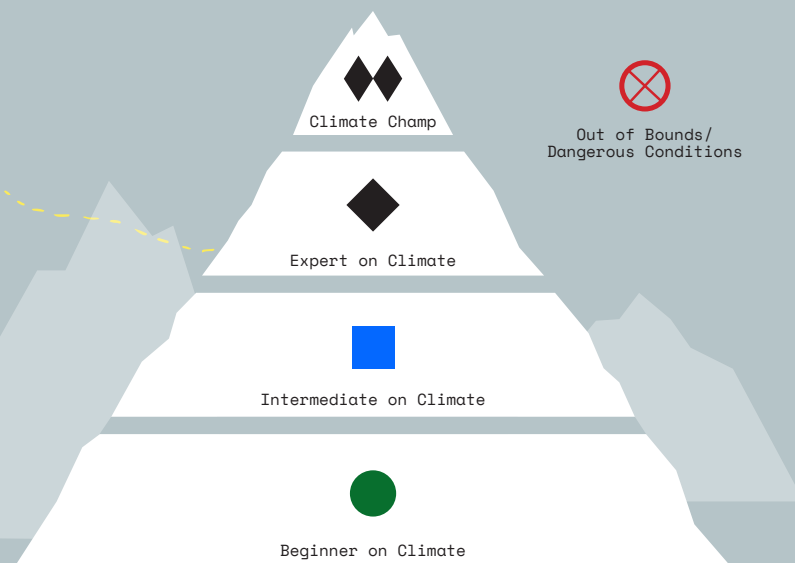
Matt Rosendale (R): Out of Bounds

Rosendale acknowledges that the climate is changing but fails to acknowledge the human role in causing this change. As a member of Congress he routinely votes against meaningful climate legislation and is highly critical of climate solutions including renewable energy development and transitioning to electric vehicles.

Penny Ronning (D): Blue Square

Ronning acknowledges that climate change is real and threatening. She broadly supports climate solutions and as a member of Billings City Council championed energy conservation policy. However, she has not made climate action a focus of her congressional campaign.

Climate Champ

Out of Bounds/
Dangerous Conditions

Expert on Climate

Intermediate on Climate

Beginner on Climate

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."

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