

Utah

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:



Mike Lee (R): Out of Bounds

Lee expresses doubt regarding the human causation of climate change, ridicules climate action, and as Senator regularly votes against meaningful climate legislation while supporting policies with harmful climate implications.



Evan McMullin (I): Blue Square

McMullin acknowledges the human causation and immediate threat of climate change and generally is interested in solutions, especially regarding clean energy and emissions reduction; however, he does not make climate a priority for his campaign.

Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 1



Blake Moore (R): Blue Square

Moore accepts that climate change is human-caused, as a member of the Conservative Climate Caucus expresses genuine interest in climate action, and takes leadership among Republicans on the reality of climate change and potential solutions. He has not voted in favor of climate solutions during his first term in Congress, though his consistent and sincere engagement with POW AF and thoughtful approach to bipartisan climate solutions are taken into account.



Rick Jones (D): Blue Square

Jones recognizes that climate change is real and immediately threatening. He has expressed interest in climate solutions, especially renewable energy integration, and makes climate action a priority for his campaign.

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Candidates for the US House of Representative:

District 2

Chris Stewart (R): Green Circle

Stewart is not convinced that man-made climate change is as threatening as others believe it to be, but his participation in the Conservative Climate Caucus as a member of Congress suggests some interest in climate solutions.

Nicholas Mitchell (D): Blue Square

Mitchell acknowledges the reality of climate change and the threat it poses to human life and is interested in climate solutions like renewable energy development and emissions reduction; however, he has not made climate action a campaign priority.

District 3

John Curtis (R): Black Diamond

Curtis affirms that human-caused climate change poses extreme danger to human life and has shown exceptional leadership on climate action in founding the Conservative Climate Caucus to bring Republicans to the table discussing climate solutions.

Glenn J. Wright (D): Black Diamond

Wright recognizes that climate change is a direct threat to our lifestyles and calls for urgent action. As Summit County Council Chairperson, Wright showed strong initiative enacting climate solutions.

District 4

Burgess Owens (R): Green Circle

Owens acknowledges that climate change is real and as a member of Congress participates in the Conservative Climate Caucus, but he fails to show support for climate solutions.

Darlene McDonald (D): Blue Square

McDonald affirms that human-caused climate change is real and threatening and has expressed interest in climate policy solutions, but she has not made climate action a priority for her campaign.