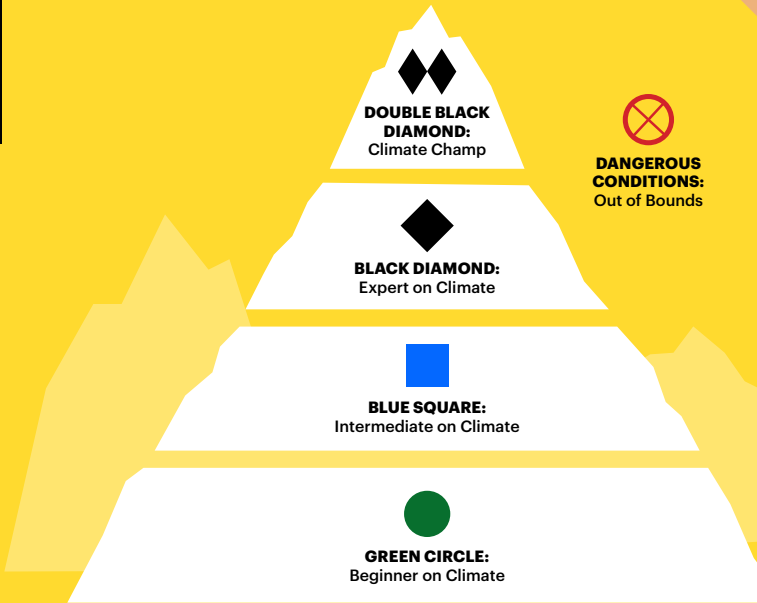


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RATINGS/CRITERIA: Candidates were evaluated on their acceptance of climate change as a real, human-caused problem, their willingness to engage in dialogue about climate action, their voting record on climate-related legislation (if available), their willingness to engage with POW AF, the extent to which climate is a priority in their campaign, leadership displayed on climate issues, 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:

◆◆ DRUBEN GALLEGO (D): Double Black Diamond

Rep. Gallego affirms the reality of climate change and emphasizes the need for strong action, especially in light of the impacts of climate change on Arizona. He has made climate action a priority of his campaign, and as Congressman has consistently voted in favor of climate solutions. He co-sponsored The Energy Resilient Communities Act in Congress.

⊗ KARI LAKE (R): Out of Bounds

Ms. Lake expresses doubt about whether or not climate change is real and whether or not it is caused by humans. She is promising to vote to expand oil production and wants to move public lands to state control.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

District 1:

◆ **AMISH SHAH (D): Black Diamond**

State Rep. Shah affirms the reality of climate change and addresses the impacts on Arizona's landscapes. He is interested in solutions to reducing carbon emissions and voted against anti-renewable energy and environment bills at the AZ State House.

⊗ **DAVID SCHWEIKERT (R): Out of Bounds**

Rep. Schweikert indicates doubt regarding the reality of climate change. As a member of Congress, he consistently votes against meaningful climate solutions. He advocates an all-of-the-above energy approach that would not allow the US to reach emissions reduction goals.

District 2:

◆ **JONATHAN NEZ (D): Black Diamond**

President Nez recognizes the threat of climate change and emphasizes the impacts of climate change on Arizonans. He has shown a commitment to climate action throughout his career, and has promised to bring resources and renewable energy to the Navajo people.

⊗ **ELI CRANE (R): Out of Bounds**

Rep. Crane fails to publicly address the issue of climate change except to claim that it is not a cause of wildfires.

District 3:

◆ **YASSAMIN ANSARI (D): Black Diamond**

Councilwoman Ansari affirms the reality of climate change and emphasizes the need for strong action, especially in light of its impacts on Arizona. She has made climate action a priority of her campaign.

⊗ **JEFFREY ZINK (R): Out of Bounds**

Mr. Zink denies the reality of climate change and claims that the issue is manufactured as a way to control individuals.

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District 4: **GREG STANTON (D): Black Diamond**

Rep. Stanton acknowledges the reality of climate change and emphasizes its effects on Arizona residents. As a member of Congress, Stanton regularly voted in favor of meaningful climate solutions.

 **KELLY COOPER (R): Out of Bounds**

Mr. Cooper does not publicly address climate change. He is highly critical of climate action, opposing meaningful climate solutions and policies with positive climate impacts. He is not interested in climate solutions and fails to address climate change in his campaign.

District 5: **KATRINA SCHAFFNER (D): Blue Square**

Ms. Schaffner acknowledges that climate change is real and is threatening life in Arizona. In her campaign, she prioritizes renewable energy and intends to hold large oil companies accountable for their environmental and economic impact.

 **ANDY BIGGS (R): Out of Bounds**

Rep. Biggs has a history of debating the human role in causing climate change and mistrusting science. As a member of Congress, he has voted consistently against meaningful climate legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act.

District 6: **KIRSTEN ENGEL (D): Double Black Diamond**

State Rep. Engel emphasizes the reality of climate change and the importance of immediate action, and she prioritizes climate action in her campaign platform. As an environmental lawyer, she filed briefs supporting judicial outcomes with significant climate impacts, and as a State Legislator, she introduced legislative climate solutions.

 **JUAN CISCOMANI (R): Green Circle**

Rep. Ciscomani acknowledges that Arizona needs clean water and clean air and that Arizona can be a climate tech space. He is critical of climate policy solutions and supports policies with harmful climate implications.

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District 7:**◆◆ RAÚL GRIJALVA (D): Double Black Diamond**

Rep. Grijalva highlights the risks of climate change and its immediate impacts on Arizona residents. As a member of Congress, he champions climate legislation, voting consistently in favor of essential climate solutions, especially on public lands. He also prioritizes climate action in his campaign platform.

⊗ DANIEL BUTIEREZ (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Butierez has not publicly acknowledged the issue of climate change, but he is highly critical of climate solutions and shows no interest in US backed climate action.

District 8:**● GREG WHITTEN (D): Green Circle**

Mr. Whitten has not publicly acknowledged climate change. He advocates for reducing carbon emissions but wants to continue drilling in the Arctic and expand domestic oil production.

⊗ ABRAHAM HAMADEH (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Hamadeh doubts the reality of climate change calling it “climate hysteria.” He joked to bring back the triple digit Arizona summer temperatures.

District 9:**◆◆ QUACY SMITH (D): Double Black Diamond**

Mr. Smith affirms that human-caused climate change is real and has expressed interest in climate policy solutions and the need to transition towards cleaner energy sources.

⊗ PAUL GOSAR (R): Out of Bounds

Rep. Gosar acknowledges that climate change is real, though he does not acknowledge the human origin; additionally, he refers to climate advocates as “climate hoax believers,” suggesting some level of disbelief. While Gosar did lead on legislation regarding clean energy deployment on public lands during his time in Congress, he has not advocated or voted for any solutions in the last ten years.

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