

COLORADO

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

District 1:



DIANA DEGETTE (D): Double Black Diamond

Rep. 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.



VALDAMAR ARCHULETA (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Archuleta acknowledges that climate change is real and expresses interest in some solutions. He advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach, which will not allow the US to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

District 2:



JOE NEGUSE (D): Double Black Diamond

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



MARSHALL DAWSON (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Dawson does not publicly acknowledge that climate change is a problem or express interest in climate solutions. He supports fossil fuel infrastructure development, which has damaging climate effects.

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District 3:

ADAM FRISCH (D): Blue Square

Rep. Frisch affirms that climate change is real and poses an existential threat to human life. He supports 100% renewable energy generated locally. He advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach, which will not allow the US to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Mr. Hurd does not publicly acknowledge that climate change is a problem and continues to promote oil and gas extraction, which will drive up climate-devastating emissions.

District 4:

LAUREN BOEBERT (R): Out of Bounds

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

TRISHA CALVARESE (D): Blue Square

Ms. Calvarese affirms that climate change is real and a dangerous threat. She supports the Inflation Reduction Act but advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach, which will not allow the US to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

District 5:

JEFF CRANK (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Crank does not acknowledge that climate change is real or human-caused. He advocates for continuing to drill for oil in Alaska and across Colorado.

▲ RIVER GASSEN (D): Black Diamond

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

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District 6:



JASON CROW (D): Black Diamond

Rep. Crow recognizes that climate change is real and significantly threatens 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.



JOHN FABBRICATORE (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Fabbricatore fails to acknowledge the issue of climate change except to criticize climate action, calling climate change a leftist program. He vehemently opposes climate solutions and instead advocates for policies with harmful climate implications.

District 7:



BRITTANY PETTERSEN (D): Double Black Diamond

Rep. Pettersen affirms that climate change is real and an existential threat to human life. As a member of Congress, she has prioritized protecting public lands and rapidly deploying renewable energy.



SERGEI MATVEYUK (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Matveyuk does not acknowledge that climate change is real or human-caused and continues to support oil and gas development.

District 8:



YADIRA CARAVEO (D): Black Diamond

Rep. Caraveo recognizes that climate change is real and centers climate action in her campaign platform. As a member of Congress, she has prioritized protecting public lands and health while rapidly deploying renewable energy.



GABE EVANS (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Evans does not acknowledge that climate change is real, calling climate change "draconian Leftist regulations". He advocates for an all of the above energy approach, which will not allow the US to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

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