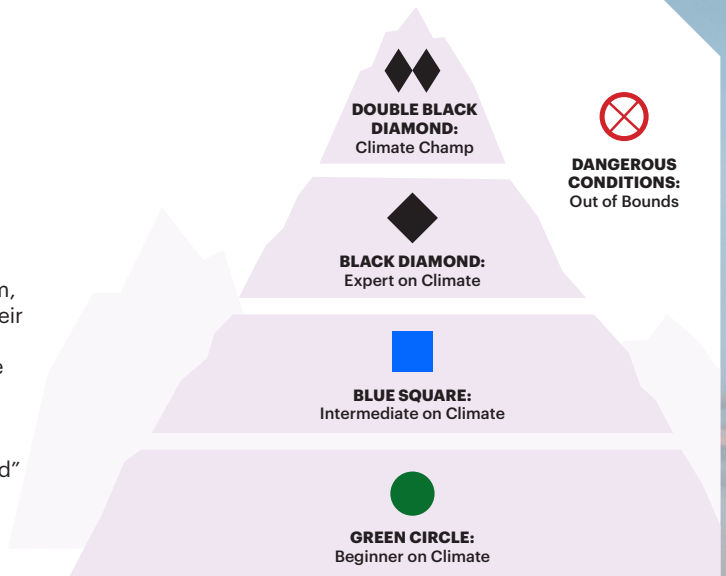


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RATINGS/CRITERIA: Candidates were evaluated on their acceptance of climate change as a real, human-caused problem, their willingness to engage in dialogue about climate action, their voting record on climate-related legislation (if available), their 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



ANGUS KING (I): Black Diamond

Senator King emphasizes that climate change is a real and immediate threat to Maine. During his time in the Senate, he has supported legislation that boosts clean energy and reduces emissions and sets an example for bipartisan climate action.



DAVID COSTELLO (D): Black Diamond

Mr. Costello acknowledges that climate change is real and human-caused. His campaign prioritizes a science-based action plan to reduce greenhouse gasses and expand clean energy.



DEMI KOUZOUNAS (R): Out of Bounds

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CANDIDATES FOR THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Congressional District 1:



CHELLIE PINGREE (D): Double Black Diamond

Rep. Pingree affirms that climate change is real and caused by human activity. She has consistently championed climate legislation that reduces emissions, bolsters renewable energy, and protects public lands from extraction.



RONALD RUSSELL (R): Green Circle

State Rep. Russell acknowledges the need for climate action. He believes in the potential of renewable energy, but advocates for an all-of-the-above energy strategy and a continued use of fossil fuels that would not allow the US to reach emissions reduction goals.



ETHAN ALCORN (I): Out of Bounds

Mr. Alcorn is skeptical of the human impact on climate change and does not believe that carbon emissions are a problem. He believes climate change is not a pressing issue and advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach that would not allow the US to reach emissions reduction goals.

Congressional District 2:



JARED GOLDEN (D): Blue Square

Rep. Golden acknowledges the need for urgent action on climate change in light of its impact on Mainers. He voted for important climate and clean energy legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and advocated for protecting public land and waters from extraction. However, he has regularly voted against clean energy and emissions reduction legislation.



AUSTIN THERIAULT (R): Out of Bounds

Mr. Theriault does not provide a clear stance on climate change. He advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach that would not allow the US to reach emissions reduction goals.