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WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH AS AN ELECTED LEADER?

My initial goals were to enhance the county's environmental goals, particularly concerning climate change. Our goal was increased to using 100% renewable electrical energy for county government operations by 2030 and for 100% renewable electrical energy to be available for all county residents by 2030. The government operations goal will be complete by Q1 next year and we are negotiating, along with 15 other communities, with Rocky Mountain Power for the second goal and expect to meet the goal. The process started with passage in 2019 of HBB411.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

The economy of Summit County is reliant on snow sports. By 2070, we will no longer be a destination ski resort, so our long term economic goals must radically change. Land use regulations are the principle tool that local government has to affect the environment. We are working on landscape regulations that will limit use of grass in future developments. We have started to negotiate with developers to make future developments all electric and ready for 100% renewable energy.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Understand local environmental and economic drivers, build coalitions, understand the local media environment and determine how to get enough votes. My basis for making decisions is that successful policy must be consistent with both the physics and economics of environmental issues.

IS THERE A CONSERVATION, CLIMATE, OR DEMOCRACY-RELATED RULE, POLICY, OR IDEA YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND/OR NATIONAL LEVEL?

Goals for 100% renewable electrical energy by 2035 and Carbon Fee and Dividend with border adjustments.

THE RECENTLY PASSED INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT CONTAINS A LOT OF GREAT CLIMATE-RELATED PROGRAMS AND FUNDING. ARE THERE ANY LOCAL PROJECTS YOUR COMMUNITY PLANS TO PURSUE THROUGH IJJA?

We are using ARPA money for forest health initiatives. Approximately 40% of Summit County is in the National Forest, and both wildfire and water quality is effected by forest health. We are in the midst of a 22-year drought, the worst in 1,200 years. I expect we will request money for water infrastructure that will include conservation measures of energy and water.

