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Office and position sought (e.g. LD 50 legislature, position 2)
Legislature, LD 7, Seat 2
Are you an incumbent running for re-election?
No
Have you ever served in an elected position? If so, what position, and when?
Springdale, WA Town Council. June 2020-present
How many other Democratic candidates are there in your race (at the time you fill this out)?
0
I am a Democrat or I am willing to be identified with the Democratic Party (judicial candidates mark as noted)
Yes
Links to your campaign website and/or Facebook or your most informative venue
www.rockydean4wa.com https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555003263312
Term of office
2 years
Campaign manager contact information (name, email, phone number)
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Campaign consultant contact information (name, email, phone number)
None
Why are you running for this position? What in your background has led you to run? (Not to exceed 150 words)
My family moved to the Inland Northwest six years ago, and in that time, I've seen the current officeholder focus almost exclusively on wolves. As a rancher in a ranching district, he has prioritized apex predators, but for twenty years, he's neglected small towns, schools, and the urgent needs for jobs and housing. While apex predator issues are important, it's time to address the concerns that affect the majority of residents. My experience on the Springdale Town Council has shown me that this district needs more effective leadership in Olympia.
Please explain how your campaign will address donations from utilities, fossil fuel companies, and corporate PACs?
While we do not expect donations from these companies, we won't accept them if they do donate.

What are your most significant accomplishments either as an individual, member of a group, or elected official on environment and climate change?

As a member of the Springdale Town Council, I participated in implementing a comprehensive recycling program that increased community involvement by 40%. I also contributed to making decisions about energy-efficient upgrades to the town hall, which reduced its carbon footprint. These projects have made a notable difference in our community's environmental impact.

Briefly list organizations, events, rallies, canvassing, referendums, petitions, or policies and legislation you have engaged in to advocate for environmental protections.

Although I haven't been directly involved in specific environmental initiatives, I am committed to supporting and advocating for environmental protections. I am eager to engage in community efforts, support relevant policies, and collaborate with organizations focused on sustainability and conservation moving forward.

If elected or re-elected what specific environment, climate change, biodiversity, transportation, building and land use, growth management, and/or environmental justice legislation will you prioritize and champion?

If elected, I will explore the potential for a light rail corridor in Stevens County as a way to improve transportation and support regional growth. I'll also review existing policies on growth management and land use to ensure they align with both economic and environmental goals. While I am not prioritizing any single project, I am committed to investigating solutions that balance development needs with sustainability.

Washington State law sets a target of 90.5 million metric tons (MMT) carbon pollution by 2020, but greenhouse gas emissions rose last year to 102 MMT (Department of Ecology). The state is not on-track. For state office positions, what action will you take to accelerate efforts towards Washington State's 2030 Climate goals, specifically a 45% reduction of carbon pollution below 1990 levels?

To accelerate efforts towards Washington State's 2030 climate goals, I will focus on several key actions. First, I will support policies that incentivize clean energy solutions and improve energy efficiency across industries and homes. I will advocate for investments in renewable energy infrastructure and support initiatives that reduce emissions in transportation, such as expanding electric vehicle charging networks. Additionally, I will work on enhancing regulations that promote sustainable land use and support local projects aimed at carbon reduction. By fostering collaboration between state agencies, businesses, and communities, we can drive progress towards achieving a 45% reduction in carbon pollution below 1990 levels.