

17 the triple divide of the Upper Buffalo Creek, Big Creek, and Okefenokee Swamp  
18 watersheds.

19 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2030, the division shall  
20 not accept any applications for new permits, nor shall the division accept any requests to  
21 modify any existing permits for any surface mining operations on Trail Ridge that seek to  
22 expand the area of affected land.

23 (c) This Code section shall not prohibit the acceptance or denial of any applications for  
24 new permits or requests to modify any existing permits for any surface mining operations  
25 on Trail Ridge submitted to and deemed complete by the division on or before June 30,  
26 2025."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.