

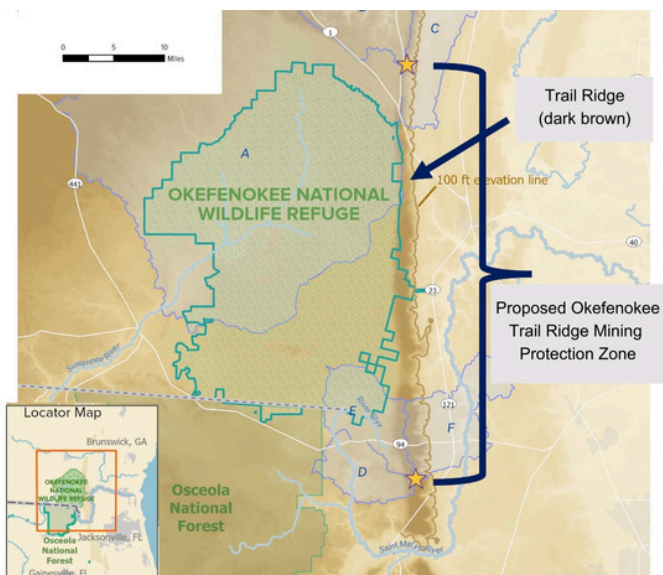
Time's Almost Up—

PROTECT THE OKEFENOKEE

Nearly a century ago, the US Congress designated the Okefenokee Swamp as a National Wildlife Refuge, but Trail Ridge, a vital part of this ecosystem, still requires protection.

Trail Ridge serves as the eastern boundary of the Okefenokee, regulating water flow in the Swamp. Mining poses a threat to this balance, potentially disrupting water levels and increasing the risk of wildfires and drought in the National Wildlife Refuge and nearby private land.

**VOTE YES
HB 561
& HB 562**



The Okefenokee is a key economic driver in the region, leading to over a dozen local government resolutions calling for its protection. Georgians throughout the state overwhelmingly support protecting the Okefenokee.

Bipartisan efforts to protect this vital area must pass soon - before it's too late. HB 561, the Okefenokee Protection Act permanently protects Okefenokee's Trail Ridge from risky mining operations. HB 562 hits pause and provides a 5-year moratorium on mining permits in this area.



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