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US Senator for Georgia Jon Ossoff is advocating for the protection of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Ossoff is asking for a joint effort between parties and is calling on environmental agencies to protect one of Georgia's most valuable natural resources. Of the Seven Natural Wonders in Georgia, only one has become globally transcendent, attracting millions of visitors from all over the world: *the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge*. By providing sanctuary to wildlife, offering outdoor recreation for people, and millions of dollars for local communities, the Okefenokee has provided Georgia with immeasurable value while anchoring the state's outdoor tourism economy.

"Our state may lose the Okefenokee swamp, this precious natural resource, unless EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), the Army Corps, and Georgia's environmental protection division take action to stop it," said Ossoff in his call to action, "Overwhelmingly the people of Georgia and of the local community treasure the Okefenokee swamp. But I'm sounding the alarm because we need an all hands-on deck effort now to bring the pressure to bear necessary to save the Okefenokee swamp from destruction."

Ossoff says he has contacted The Environmental Protection Agency and the CORPS to inquire on which federal authorities can be put in place to protect the swamp and has short-listed the Okefenokee Experience project for a Congressionally Directed Spending Request.

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Okefenokee Experience Congressionally Directed Spending Request