

## I. Prevalence of federal lands in State

In Georgia, the federal government owns approximately 5.2% of the total land, which amounts to 1.9 million acres out of a total of 37.3 million acres<sup>1</sup>. Here's a breakdown of federal land ownership in Georgia by agency:

- Forest Service (FS): 44.6%
- Department of Defense (DOD): 28.3%
- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): 25.1%
- National Park Service (NPS): 2.1%

Since 1990, there has been a 1.3% increase in federal land ownership in Georgia<sup>1</sup>. Notably, Georgia is home to 11 national parks, including the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, which has been inhabited by humans for around 17,000 years. The park features ancient mounds constructed during the Mississippian Period, providing a glimpse into the region's rich history<sup>1</sup>.

## II. Federal Land Access Program setup

Program housed in Eastern Federal Lands Division out of Virginia – Jacinda Russell

Simple application format

Team review of applications received

Multi-years within each funding round

Formerly 80.46/19.52% match required, now 100% federal

## III. Bartow County projects/history

Bartow-Carver Road	\$356,895
Chitwood Cove Road	\$267,100
McKaskey Creek Road	\$199,844
Gatewood Park	\$1,000,000

## IV. Program insights

Using federal monies to pave a local street – think about it, let that sink in

Local project management experience – Environmental, procurement

Multiple years announced with each funding round – impact of inflation

Inconsistency of GDOT staffing – leads to delays in processing award