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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Escalations Overseas; President on the Trail]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: The President on the trail with two wars escalating: New Russian strikes on Ukraine overnight — over half a million people left without power — and new explosions overnight in the capital of Saudi Arabia, days after the biggest strike in the Gulf since President Trump launched his war against Iran, as we hit a new record for gas prices, with 20 days until the final midterm votes.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President Trump on the Campaign Trail]

STEPHANOPOULOS: We're gonna get the latest now on President Trump campaigning in the red state of Alaska with 20 days until the final midterm votes, as Senate candidates in key states face off in debates. Chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce tracking it all. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, George. President Trump is really amping up his campaign blitz we head into this final stretch. He's trying to pump up enthusiasm with his base, even as we are seeing some Republican candidates in these tight races, increasingly trying to distance themselves from the President. Overnight, with the midterms less than three weeks away, President Trump trekking to the last frontier.

TRUMP: This was quite a trip. That was a lot of flying.

BRUCE: The President trying to boost Alaska Senator Dan Sullivan, who's trailing former Democratic Congresswoman Mary Peltola, in a state the President won the times by double digits.

TRUMP: We don't have to be at certain places. Here, I have to be, because we have to make sure that Dan gets in.

BRUCE: After rallies in Ohio and Alaska already this week, Trump barnstorming the country with stops in Arizona, Montana, Georgia, Kansas, Florida and North Carolina. In the coming days, eight states that he won in 2024. With the war with Iran deeply unpopular and oil and gas prices soaring, Republican candidates are now trying to distance themselves from the President on the war. From Maine —

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS (R-ME): I agree that the President did not have a good plan.

BRUCE: — to New Hampshire —

FORMER SENATOR JOHN SUNUNU (R-NH): In Iran, it was a mistake to go in when we didn't have a plan for keeping the strait open.

BRUCE: — in Georgia overnight, Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff and Republican challenger — Representative Mike Collins — sparring over diesel prices.

SENATOR JON OSSOFF (D-GA) [TO COLLINS]: You said last week gas prices were coming down. You didn't explain the statement. You want another try? Are gas prices coming down?

DONNA LOWRY [TO COLLINS]: You may answer. 30 seconds.

OSSOFF [TO COLLINS]: Are they coming down?

CONGRESSMAN MIKE COLLINS (R-GA): Diesel prices are high. Diesel prices are high. The supply is coming.

BRUCE: Both parties now in a race against the clock to sway voters with more than four million votes already cast nationwide, and control of Congress at stake, the world's richest man, Elon Musk, has become the largest known midterm donor, pouring \$276 million into his super PAC, and major Republican groups since July to help save Republican candidates. Musk was also the top donor in the 2024 election, spending more than \$250 million to help return Trump and Republicans to power. Former President Obama now getting involved too.

FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: I'll be honest with you. I never imagined some of the stuff that's been going on in our country lately.

BRUCE: The former President recording more than a dozen videos backing Democrats across the country.

OBAMA [in campaign ads]: Sherrod Brown — [SCREEN WIPE] — Roy Cooper — [SCREEN WIPE] — Jon Ossoff — [SCREEN WIPE] — Troy Jackson is running to be your next senator, and I'm proud to be on board.

BRUCE: Now, Obama is also set to hit the trail next week. He'll be out for candidates for Democratic candidates in Ohio and Michigan. Meanwhile, President Trump is staying active on the trail and on social media, overnight posting more than 20 videos, including ones showing animals, mauling people and an AI video that shows the President wrestling what appears to be the tiger that recently killed a man in the U.K., Michael.

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Yeah, I think that make you shake your head there, Mary, because the President — he's on the trail, but there are two wars that are escalating.