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## News Release

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### Lend Refuges a Hand for Big Sweep September 27- October 4

Recently, as a part of Public Lands Day, volunteers all over the country participated in a landscape-level effort to spruce up our public lands. National Public Lands Day was held this year on September 27th. In North Carolina, Public Lands Day was heralded as the kick-off for the Statewide Big Sweep coastal clean-up. "Trash in our ocean and waterways is a bad thing. It kills many types of wildlife because they eat it or get tangled in it. So get involved and help make a difference along our beautiful coastline," pleaded Abbey Reibel, Refuge Volunteer Coordinator. During the week of September 27th-October 4th, Big Sweep will be taking place along the Outer Banks. A number of different sites are designated as pick-up stations. The Pea Island Visitor Center at MP 31, on Highway 12 is one of many stations where you can pick up complimentary supplies needed for the day. "You can hit the beach, knowing you're making a real difference, not only for the visitors that come from all over to enjoy our beaches, but for our abundant wildlife that inhabit the 13 mile stretch of undeveloped coastline," Reibel added. For more information please contact Abbey Reibel at 252-987-1118, or by e-mail at [Abbey\\_Reibel@fws.gov](mailto:Abbey_Reibel@fws.gov). Or, just stop by the Pea Island Visitor Center and take a few minutes to help out!



Throughout the year, volunteers join forces to clean trash from Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. But, Big Sweep is a special time where lots of help is needed. Stop by the Pea Island Visitor Center any time September 27- October 4 and be a part of the solution to the litter problem!  
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