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## **Public Lands Day Clean-up Scheduled for Saturday, September 26, on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge**

*Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a cleanup event on Saturday, September 26, as a part of the celebration of the 2009 Public Lands Day.*

This gives the public an opportunity to help with preserving and protecting some of America's natural heritage by participating in a roadside litter pick-up at 1:30 p.m. along US Highway 64 near Milltail Road. Come show a mutual interest in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands by joining refuge staff and volunteers as we clean up your local National Wildlife Refuge. "I encourage everyone with a couple free hours to stop by," said Abbey Reibel, Visitor Services Specialist. "This is the third year we've hosted a National Public lands Day event, and we are excited to build off of last year's success." Trash bags will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring gloves. For more information please contact Abbey Reibel at 252-987-1118 or [Abbey\\_Reibel@fws.gov](mailto:Abbey_Reibel@fws.gov).

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. Last year, 120,000 volunteers worked over 1,800 locations and in every state. Now, eight federal agencies and many state and local agencies participate in this annual day of caring for shared lands.

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