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Mr. Murray,

I have been visiting Cape Hatteras National Seashore for more than 35 years. Each visit, I make it a priority to "take more than I left". (a lot more) As you know, there is a tremendous amount of flotsam and jetsam that end up on miles and miles of our beaches. While driving on the beach, I have personally removed hundreds of pounds of trash from the beaches that are washed in from the waves and weather. I believe it is my little part to protect this environment. If it is not picked up it will end up being washed back out to the ocean or worse end up buried on our beaches.

Now that the majority of beaches are closed to driving and walking I am confounded as to how we are going to maintain the beaches and keep them from being trashed by the ocean debris deposited here.

Is there a plan? Will there be access open for concerted beach cleanup efforts? If this goes unchecked our beaches will end up looking like Burma. Thus endangering humans and wildlife.

Please explain what I can do to help.

Sincerely,  
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