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Inmate work crews complete Hurricane Irene cleanup projects

RALEIGH – Inmate crews that have been cleaning up Hurricane Irene's debris in many eastern North Carolina communities finished their final assignments this week.

In the past week, inmates cleared debris in the towns of Harlowe and Winton and at a state historic site in Halifax County. They also returned to beaches in Salter Path and Indian Beach and spent an additional three days assisting the Division of Marine Fisheries in removing hundreds of tires from the sand.

A total of 2,800 inmate hours were worked on hurricane cleanup projects assigned through emergency management agencies.

Beginning this weekend, the state's 74 medium-custody road squads and 55 minimum-custody highway litter pickup crews will return their focus to roadside trash pickup during the annual Fall Litter Sweep which runs Sept. 17 through Oct. 1.

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