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Urban Forest Strike Team member Slater provides assistance in Baton Rouge

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Forestry Commission Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator John Slater is currently in Baton Rouge, La., as part of an “urban forest strike team.” On Sept. 1, a large area of Baton Rouge was damaged by Hurricane Gustav. Urban forest strike teams are dispatched to areas following a significant storm, such as a hurricane or tornado, to assess the survivability of trees damaged within urban areas, as well as indentifying trees that could pose a threat to public lands or rights of way.

To learn more about the Urban Forest Strike Team, visit www.ufst.org. For more information about the Arkansas Forestry Commission and its programs, visit www.forestry.state.ar.us, or call 1-501-296-1940.

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