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Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Tree Fell on Maintenance Shed at Wildcat Den State Park due to High Wind  
Event on July 29, 2025  
Department of Natural Resources  
Claim dated September 16, 2025  
AOS Claim ID: 4127

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$12,195.72, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau, Department  
of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

9/16/2025

Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth  
Auditor's Office  
Lucas Building  
LOCAL

RE: Storm Damage at Wildcat Den State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, there was a high wind event/storm that passed through Wildcat Den State Park causing damages to infrastructure. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on July 29, 2025. A cost estimate of \$12,195.72 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of work

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$12,195.72 for AOS ID #4127.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration in reviewing this material. Please inform me if it would be advantageous to participate in the Executive Council meeting in order to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief  
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

**ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS**

DNR Project #				
Project Location		Wildcat Den State Park		
Project Description		Storm Damage Repair		
Date		9/12/2025		
Item No.	Description	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Repair Stairs/Acess	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2	Hazard Tree Removal	1	\$5,295.72	\$5,295.72
3	Roof Repair	1	\$900.00	\$900.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,195.72</b>