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Executive Council
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Subject: Damages at McIntosh Woods State Park Due to High Winds/Storm
on July 29, 2025
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated October 2, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4128

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 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 \$246,273.75, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

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

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
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

October 2, 2025

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
State Capitol
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building
LOCAL

RE: Storm Damage at McIntosh Woods State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, there was a high wind event/storm that passed through McIntosh Woods State Park. Severe damage was experienced. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on July 29, 2025. A cost estimate of \$246,273.75 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of repairs

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$246,273.75 for AOS ID #4128.

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	McIntosh Woods State Park			
Project Description	Storm Damage Repair			
Date	9/29/2025			
Author	Seth Moore			
		Full Project		
Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Tree Removal/Trimming/Chipping	1	\$139,995.75	\$139,995.75
2	Stump Grinding	1	\$46,278.00	\$46,278.00
3	Removal of Woods Chips/Hauling Fees	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
4	Trail/Road Repairs	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
5	Seeding	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
			Total	\$246,273.75