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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved the Department of Natural Resources' request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$44,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On June 11, 2026, Stephens State Forest West Campground was damaged by a severe storm. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Mike Cox, Bureau Chief, Forests and Preserves Bureau, Department of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Matt Bender, Department of Management
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 4420
TOS Job # _____



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July 24, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council

Subject: Severe Storm Damage to Stephens State Forest West Campground on
June 11, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated June 11, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4420

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 \$44,000.00, 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: Mike Cox, Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

July 20, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
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Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building
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RE: Stephens State Forest Pit Latrine Storm Damage (Lucas, IA)

Dear Kristi and Tammy:

On Thursday, June 11, 2026, severe storms with high winds impacted Stephens State Forest West Campground. A tree fell on one of the pit latrines. The latrine is a total loss. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on June 11, 2026. A cost estimate of \$44,000.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of pit latrine replacement

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$44,000.00 for AOS ID #4420.

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 for us to participate in the Executive Council meeting in order to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Cox, Bureau Chief
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS

DNR Project #					
Project Location		Stephens State Forest			
Project Description		Pit Latrine Replacement			
		Full Project			
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Pit Latrine Replacement-Huffcutt Pre-cast Concrete	1		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
2	Site restoration	1		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
3	Demolition	1		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4	Mobilization	1		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
				Total	\$44,000.00