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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 \$10,250.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On July 14, 2026, the Department of Natural Resources' Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit sustained damage due to heavy rains. 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
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AOS Claim # 4437
TOS Job # _____



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August 14, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council

Subject: Heavy Rains within the Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit on July 14, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated July 14, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4437

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 \$10,250.00, 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: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Jessica Flatt, Land Management Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

July 22, 2026

Auditor's Office, Executive Council

Subject: CLAIM ID #4437; Heavy Rain Event Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit; Allamakee County

On July 14, 2026 you were sent notification of damage incurred from a heavy rain event that impacted Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) within the Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit in Allamakee County. The original notification noted damage to Tahigwa WMA, French Creek WMA, and Pine Creek WMA. A full review of the areas within the Upper Wildlife Unit did identify additional areas of damage in Lansing WMA, Waterloo Creek WMA, and Iverson Bottoms WMA.

Our Engineers have put together repair estimates for each WMA, with a total project cost of \$10,250. Please find that estimate enclosed, along with pictures of each site.

This information is being submitted to Executive Council as a request for a total allocation of \$10,250.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jessica Flatt, Executive Officer II
Wildlife Bureau

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS

Project # TBD

Tahigwa, Pine Creek, Lansing, Waterloo Creek,

Iverson Bottoms, and French Creek WMAs

Allamakee County

T. Anderson

Item No.	Description	Full Project			
		Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Tahigwa WMA lane, crossing and pond: shaping and rock	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
2	Pine Creek WMA crossing: shaping and rock	1	LS	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
3	Lansing WMA lane: shaping and rock	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4	Waterloo Creek WMA crossing: shape approaches and rock	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5	Iverson Bottoms WMA Lane: shaping and large rock	1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
6	French Creek parking lot: shaping and rock	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
7		0		\$0.00	\$0.00
8		0		\$0.00	\$0.00
9		0		\$0.00	\$0.00
10		0		\$0.00	\$0.00
				Estimate	\$10,250.00

DNR Form 542-0700



Figure 1. Tahigwa WMA Pond



Figure 2. Tahigwa WMA Lane



Figure 3. Pine Creek WMA Crossing



Figure 4. Lansing WMA Lane



Figure 5. Iverson Bottoms WMA Lane



Figure 6. French Creek WMA Parking Lot



Figure 7. Waterloo Creek WMA Crossing