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STATE OF IOWA

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January 20, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
LOCAL

Subject: Wildfire at Loess Hills State Forest on April 13, 2023
Department of Natural Resources
Claim Dated July 17, 2023
AOS Claim ID: 3486

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the invoices and supporting documentation for partial payment related to the damages and have found the items to be in order as shown below:

Documented request		\$ 228,250.00
Executive Council Allocation		\$ 1,814,320.00
Less:		
Previous payments	\$ 976,400.00	
This payment	<u>228,250.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 1,204,650.00</u>
Remaining Executive Council allocation		<u>\$ 609,670.00</u>

We recommend reimbursement be made in the amount of \$228,250.00. This represents partial payment of the loss.

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 L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief, State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau,
Department of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources

November 25, 2025

To: Tammy Hollingsworth, Auditor of State
Kristi Onstot, Treasurer of State
Executive Council

From: Kara Bryant, Federal Aid Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources

Re: Reimbursement Request – 29C.20 Claim

AOS Claim #	3486
Location	Loess Hills State Forest
Event Date	April 13, 2023
Event Summary	Wildfire
Amount Requested	\$228,250.00
Request Details	4 th partial
DNR Accounting String	0147-542-R500-UA-0301

Copies of accounting documents paid by the DNR included in this request are attached.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Kara Bryant, Federal Aid Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources
kara.bryant@dnr.iowa.gov
515-587-7409

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claim ID 3486

INVOICE

6.5.2025 ksb

BILL TO

State of Iowa DNR
6200 Park Ave.
STE 200
Des Moines, IA 50321

vc 00002136519
ref GAX 11012125632
pd 1.27.25

INVOICE # 24046
DATE 05/19/2025
DUE DATE 06/01/2025
TERMS Due on receipt

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Contract Work:Contract Work	20	3,190.00	63,800.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJPJSEAGO-0010			
20 Acres Deciduous Tree Clearing (Task 1) @ \$3,190 per acre=			
\$63,800			

We appreciate your business and look forward to having
the opportunity to serve you in the future!

BALANCE DUE

\$63,800.00

Pay invoice

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INVOICE # 24047

DATE 05/19/2025

DUE DATE 06/01/2025

TERMS Due on receipt

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Contract Work:Contract Work	20	3,270.00	65,400.00
Contract Number 24DNRPRPJSEAGO-0010			
20 Acres Eastern Red Cedar Clearing (Task 2) @ \$3,270 per acre = \$65,400			

We appreciate your business and look forward to having the opportunity to serve you in the future!

BALANCE DUE

\$65,400.00

Pay invoice

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INVOICE # 24117

DATE 06/16/2025

DUE DATE 07/01/2025

TERMS Due on receipt

7.22.2025 ksb

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Contract Work:Contract Work	29	3,190.00	92,510.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJSEAGO-0010			
29 acres Deciduous Tree Clearing (Task 1) @ \$3,190 per acre=			
\$92,510.00			

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\$92,510.00

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DATE 06/16/2025
DUE DATE 07/01/2025
TERMS Due on receipt

7.22.2025 ksb

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Contract Work:Contract Work	2	3,270.00	6,540.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJSEAGO-0010			
20 acres Red Cedar Tree Clearing (Task 2) @ \$3,270 per acre=			
\$6,540			

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BALANCE DUE

\$6,540.00

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