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May 7, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council

Subject: Damages at Pine Lake State Park Due to Tree Blowing Over/Striking Shelter on  
February 18, 2026  
Department of Natural Resources  
Claim dated April 24, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4261

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 \$28,000.00 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: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Kim Bohlen, Acting Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau, Department of  
Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Budget & Finance, Department of Natural Resources  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

April 24, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth  
Auditor's Office  
Lucas Building  
LOCAL

RE: Fallen Tree Damage to Shelter at Pine Lake State Park

Dear Kristi and Tammy:

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, a tree blew over, striking a shelter at Pine Lake State Park. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on February 19, 2026. A cost estimate of \$28,000.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of shelter repairs

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$28,000.00 for AOS ID #4261.

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,

Kim Bohlen, Acting Bureau Chief  
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

**ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS**

DNR Project #	
Project Location	Pine Lake State Park
Project Description	Shelter Repair

		Full Project			
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
	Replace 15 support pillars with new hardware, Replace 1 broken rafter, Replace 1 laminate beam, Replace 2 sheets of plywood sheeting, shingles, underlayment and facia, 1 Stain replacement wood	1		\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>