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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 \$103,500.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On February 27, 2026, the Harmon Tunnel at Pammel State Park was damaged due to falling rock/boulders. Request was to cover repair costs.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Monica Thelen, Executive Officer, Wildlife 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 # 4264  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



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July 8, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council

Subject: Damages to Harmon Tunnel at Pammel State Park Due to Falling Rock/Boulders  
on February 27, 2026  
Department of Natural Resources  
Claim dated June 9, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4264

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-mentioned 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 \$103,500.00, 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: Kim Bohlen, Acting 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

June 9, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth  
Auditor's Office  
Lucas Building  
LOCAL

RE: Falling Rock at Pammel State Park

Dear Kristi and Tammy:

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, large-to-medium-sized boulders were discovered to be loose above the Harmon Tunnel in Pammel State Park, posing a serious risk to life and property. The tunnel is currently closed, and an estimated repair cost of \$103,500.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimate to fix falling rock

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$103,500.00 for AOS ID #4264.

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           |                                                                                                                                                   | Pammel State Park |      |             |              |
| Project Description        |                                                                                                                                                   | Falling Rock Fix  |      |             |              |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                   |                   |      |             |              |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                   | Full Project      |      |             |              |
| Item #                     | Description                                                                                                                                       | Quantity          | Unit | Unit Cost   | Cost         |
| 1                          | Consulting Engineering Design                                                                                                                     | 1                 |      | \$10,500.00 | \$10,500.00  |
| 2                          | Removal of loose or potentially unstable disjointed<br>spalled/ exfoliated bedrock fragments and talus above/ around both tunnel portal highwalls | 1                 |      | \$93,000.00 | \$93,000.00  |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                   |                   |      | Total       | \$103,500.00 |