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## Executive Council of Iowa

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March 3, 2025

Accounting Department  
Office of the Treasurer  
Lucas Building  
321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA, 50319

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved payment of the following cost item:

Department of Natural Resources.....\$193,000.00

On April 13, 2023, Loess Hills State Forest was damaged by a wildfire. Request was to cover repair costs.

This represents partial payment.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Mariah Gibb  
Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources  
Monica Thelen, Wildlife Bureau, Department of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resource  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management  
Matt Bender, Department of Management



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STATE OF IOWA

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Auditor of State

State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0004  
Telephone (515) 281-5834

February 14, 2025

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

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				\$	<u>193,000.00</u>
Executive Council Allocation				\$	1,814,320.00
Less:					
Previous payments	\$	13,000.00			
This payment		<u>193,000.00</u>			
Total				\$	<u>206,000.00</u>
Remaining Executive Council allocation				\$	<u>1,608,320.00</u>

We recommend reimbursement be made in the amount of \$193,000.00. This represents partial payment of the loss.

Sincerely,

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

December 19, 2024

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	\$193,000.00
Request Details	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kara.bryant@dnr.iowa.gov)  
515-587-7409



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0147-542-R500-UA 2486

# INVOICE

**BILL TO**

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

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11.19.2024 ksb

**INVOICE #** 22447

**DATE** 10/16/2024

**DUE DATE** 11/01/2024

**TERMS** Due on receipt

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Contract Work:Contract Work</b>	20	3,190.00	63,800.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJSEAGO-0010			
20 acres Deciduous Tree Clearing (Task 1) @ \$3,190 per acre =			
\$63,800			
Completed: 10/16/2024			

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**INVOICE #** 22473

**DATE** 10/23/2024

**DUE DATE** 11/01/2024

**TERMS** Due on receipt

11.19.2024 ksb

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Contract Work:Contract Work</b>	20	3,190.00	63,800.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJSEAGO-0010			
20 acres Deciduous Tree Clearing (Task 1) @ \$3,190 per acre =			
\$63,800			
Completed: 10/26/24			

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INVOICE # 22474

DATE 10/23/2024

DUE DATE 11/01/2024

TERMS Due on receipt

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Contract Work:Contract Work</b>	20	3,270.00	65,400.00
Contract Number 24DNRFPJSEAGO-0010			
20 acres Red Cedar Tree Clearing (Task 2) @ \$3,270 per acre			
= \$65,400			

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BALANCE DUE

**\$65,400.00**