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Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Tree Damage to West Gate Shelter at Backbone State Park on August 12, 2021  
Department of Natural Resources  
Claim dated February 3, 2022  
AOS Claim ID: 2147

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 \$4,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular background.

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Chad Kelchen, Interim Bureau Chief, State Parks, Preserves and Forestry Bureau,  
Department of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Federal Aid Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources  
Linda Leto, Department of Management