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October 5, 2026

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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 $102,615.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On July 14, 2026, cabins and logs at Backbone State Park were damaged by bats. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Mike Cox, Bureau Chief, Forests and Preserves 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 # 4465
TOS Job # ____

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September 23, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council

Subject: Bat Damage to Cabins and Lodge at Backbone State Park on July 14, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated July 21, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4465

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 $102,615.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Mike Cox, Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

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September 4, 2026

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RE: Bat Damage at Backbone State Park (Dundee, IA)

Dear Kristi and Tammy:

On Tuesday, July 14, 2026, bat damage was discovered in the cabins and lodge at Backbone State Park. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on July 21, 2026. A cost estimate of $102,615.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of cabin and lodge repairs

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of $102,615.00 for AOS Claim #4465.

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,

Mike Cox, Bureau Chief
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

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ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS

DNR Project #	
Project Location	Backbone State Park
Project Description	Bat Damage Repairs

				Full Project	
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Bat Exclusion for 7 cabins and 1 lodge	1		$32,975.00	$32,975.00
2	Repair Damaged Insulation for 5 cabins and 1 lodge	1		$69,640.00	$69,640.00
				Total	**$102,615.00**