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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 $15,546.16, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On August 12, 2026, trees and infrastructure at Wildcat Den State Park were damaged by a severe storm. 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 # 4495
TOS Job # ____

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September 23, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council

Subject: Severe Storm Damage to Trees and Infrastructure at Wildcat Den State Park on August 12, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated August 20, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4495

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 $15,546.16, 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

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DIRECTOR, KAYLA LYON

September 1, 2026

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
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Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building
LOCAL

RE: Storm Damage at Wildcat Den State Park (Muscatine, IA)

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, severe storms passed through Wildcat Den State Park. Trees and infrastructure were damaged. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on August 20, 2026. A cost estimate of $15,546.16 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of work

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of $15,546.16 for AOS ID #4495.

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

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS

DNR Project #

Project Location: Wildcat Den State Park

Project Description: Storm Damage Repairs

		Full Project			
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Hazard Tree Removal	1		$14,546.16	$14,546.16
2	Trail Bridge Repairs	1		$500.00	$500.00
3	Trail Retaining Wall Repairs	1		$500.00	$500.00
				Total	**$15,546.16**