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Kristi Onstot
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Subject: Lightning Strike Damages to Cabin 9 at Backbone State Park on
August 11, 2025
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated September 4, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4145

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 \$2,834.00, 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: Sherry Arntzen, 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

September 4, 2025

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
State Capitol
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building
LOCAL

RE: Lightning Strike Damage at Backbone State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Monday, August 11, 2025, a thunderstorm at Backbone State Park resulted in a lightning strike to Cabin 9 which damaged the HVAC unit. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on August 12, 2025. An invoice for \$2,834.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Invoice for repairs

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$2,834.00 for AOS ID #4145.

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,

Sherry L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

