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May 11, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation to make a payment to the Mount Washington Summit Road Company d/b/a Mount Washington Auto Road (VC #154040), Gorham, NH in the amount of $24,000 for a portion of road repairs to the auto road for wear and tear caused by DNCR's snow cats during the 2020-2021 winter season upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 100% Other Funds.

Funding is available in account, Mt. Washington Commission, as follows:

	FY 2021
03-035-035-351510-37420000-022-500257-35M00311 Rents - Leases Other Than State	$24,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR} and the Mount Washington Auto Road (Auto Road) have had an agreement since 1975, when Auto Road expanded and improved the summit parking areas at Mount Washington State Park. The 2004 agreement continued to provide Auto Road with use of DNCR's summit parking areas and granted DNCR access to the summit via the auto road, but also provided reimbursement to Auto Road to cover damages to the auto road from the snow cat equipment used by DNCR to access the summit in the winter.

DNCR and Auto Road entered into a Non-Disturbance Agreement (NDA) in 2016 in order to allow Auto Road to secure financing for its hotel project located at the base of Mount Washington (approved by the Governor and Executive Council on August 24, 2016, Item #46B). The NDA provided Auto Road rights to use the summit parking areas and DNCR rights to access the summit via the auto road through August 2, 2033. Reimbursement for yearly winter damage costs to the auto road was not included in the NDA. For this reason, costs are assessed yearly once the winter season has ended and an evaluation of repairs and associated costs can be determined.

Current estimated road repair and maintenance needs relative to the length of the auto road particularly where it is now paved estimates damage assessment costs to be $24,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip A. Bryce
Director

Concurred,

Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

Mt. Washington Summit Road Co.

Rt. 16 Pinkham Notch
Gorham, NH 03581
Great Glen Trails

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/1/21	12817

Bill To
NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources Parks & Recreation 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH 03301

Description	Amount
Mt Washington Road Use July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	24,000.00
Total	$24,000.00