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May 23, 2018

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 (DNCR) to make a payment in the amount of \$25,000 to the Mount Washington Summit Road Company d/b/a Mount Washington Auto Road (Auto Road) (VC #154040), Gorham, NH for DNCR's portion of road repairs to the auto road for wear and tear caused by DNCR's snow cats during the 2017-2018 winter season upon Governor and Executive Council approval. **100% Revolving Funds**

Funding is available as follows:

	<b><u>FY 2018</u></b>
03-35-35-351510-37420000	
Mt. Washington Commission	\$25,000
022-500257-35M00311 Rents - Leases Other Than State	

**EXPLANATION**

The DNCR and the Auto Road have had an agreement since 1975, when the Auto Road expanded and improved the summit parking areas at Mount Washington State Park. The 2004 agreement continued to provide the 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 the Auto Road to cover damage to the pavement from the snow cat equipment used by DNCR to access and staff the summit in the winter.

The DNCR and the Auto Road entered into Non-Disturbance Agreement (NDA) in 2016 in order to allow the 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 agreement provided for the Auto Road rights to use the summit parking lots and DNCR's right to access the summit via the auto road through August 2, 2033. However, the payment for the winter damage to the auto road was not included in this agreement.

Increases in road repair and maintenance costs and the length of the summit road that is now paved resulted in an increase in the damage assessment to \$25,000 from \$22,050 in 2011, an average 1.9% increase per year. The DNCR respectfully requests approval to make its FY 2018 payment to the Auto Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

Philip A. Bryce  
Director

Jeffrey J. Rose  
Commissioner

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# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/19/18	12505

Bill To

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

Description	Amount
Mt Washington Auto Road-ROAD USE July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018	25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>