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## **Auction Puts 136 Lots of Alaskan Land in Alaskan Hands**

(Anchorage, AK) – The annual State of Alaska land auction concluded last week, with 124 Alaskans winning 136 parcels comprising more than 1,040 acres of land only available to residents. Bidders offered \$5,663,430.30 for land across the state in the 2023 Land Auction #495. DNR's Division of Mining, Land and Water received 531 total bids during the auction from 296 individual bidders.

"I'm glad my administration can help so many Alaskans realize their dreams of owning a piece of Alaska and putting down roots," **said Governor Mike Dunleavy.** "By getting Alaskan land in Alaskan hands, even more residents can have the satisfaction of building a home and life in this great state."

Division staff conducted the auction online, sharing the results of the bid unsealing on the division website and video streaming on Facebook Live. Full results for Auction #495, plus additional information on other state land sales programs, are available at: <a href="https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/auction/495/">https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/auction/495/</a>

"DNR is proud of the division staff who continue to make desirable land available to Alaskans through these auctions," said **DNR Commissioner John Boyle.** "Residents buying State land creates a special connection to The Last Frontier, and the benefits extend even further since their purchase enables future lands sales for Alaskans."

Parcels that did not receive bids in the auction may be available for purchase through the <u>Overthe-Counter land purchases</u> program starting Nov. 28, 2023 at 10 a.m. Pages 6 and 23-25 of <u>this brochure</u> have more information. Media and members of the public may sign up for automatic emails with land sale information at <a href="http://landsales.alaska.gov/email">http://landsales.alaska.gov/email</a>.

The division makes land available to Alaskans through several programs:

- Annual land auctions: the State offers selected lots at auction to residents
- Over-the-counter sales: Alaskans and non-residents may buy land unsold at auction as well as an inventory of other parcels
- Remote Recreational Cabin Staking: Alaska residents only may stake a parcel of land in designated areas, lease the land until DNR completes a survey and appraisal, then purchase the land at market value
- Agricultural land sales: Alaskans, corporations and non-residents may bid for parcels specifically designated for and limited to agricultural use

DNR offers competitive, in-house financing for land purchases. For financing and cost details, go to: <a href="https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/info/financing/">https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/info/financing/</a> or call 907-269-8400 (TTY: 711 or 800-770-8973) weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

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