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DNR to open Alaskans' bids Wednesday in online state land auction

(Anchorage, AK) – Many Alaskans will find out if their dreams of buying a piece of state land for their own will come true, when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) opens bids for State Land Auction #491 on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

DNR's Division of Mining, Land and Water has had 110 parcels of land available for bids during this twice-yearly auction, one of the many ways Governor Mike Dunleavy is working to "put Alaska lands into Alaskans' hands." The division accepted bids between Oct. 7 and Dec. 2, and will begin announcing apparent high bidders Wednesday at 10 a.m. Results will be posted on the division's Land Sales webpage in real-time, at: <u>http://landsales.alaska.gov</u>.

The division will practice social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting in-person observers of the bid opening to eight people at its office in Anchorage at 550 W. Seventh Ave., Suite 640, by reservation only. Call (907) 269-8594 for details. The event will also be carried via Facebook Live. To watch, go to the DNR webpage at: https://www.facebook.com/AKDNR/, or the Land Sales Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/AKDNR/, or the Land Sales Facebook page at:

Parcels not sold at auction will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis through the Over-the-Counter program via the Land Sales website, starting Dec. 30 at 10 a.m. State land is also available through Remote Recreational Cabin Sites staking and agricultural land sales programs.

For details on financing and associated costs and land sales news and updates, follow Alaska State Land Sales at:

- Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/alaskaland/</u>
- Twitter: @alaskaland4sale
- Instagram: @alaska_land4sale
- Email subscription: https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/email/

For direct assistance, email <u>landsales@alaska.gov</u> or call 907-269-8594 weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (TYY available at 711 or 800-770-8973).

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