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BIGGEST RESPONSE TO DATE ON LATEST RUAPEHU ABANDONED LAND TENDER

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) has had the largest response to date for its latest tender for abandoned land receiving a total of 134 offers for the 23 properties on offer.

RDC Group Manager Corporate Services, Peter Till, said that council had been expecting this round of abandoned land sales to have strong demand based on the interest in the previous abandoned land sales where demand has always outstripped supply.

"The interest in Ruapehu's abandoned land sales has been increasing with each subsequent tender and this latest sale round has shown that the level of interest has not lessened," he said.

"The latest 23 properties were spread throughout the district including some high value tourism and lifestyle areas."

"Eleven of these properties were in Ohura while the remaining twelve were spread from Hihitahi south of Waiouru to Waimiha in the north of the district near Te Kuiti."

Mr Till said that the highest tender received was \$22,500.00 for a southern Ruapehu property and the lowest was \$25.00.

"The previous three tender rounds attracted a total of 135 offers for the 51 properties on offer."

"Council received a total of \$125,780.00 for the 35 properties sold from these rounds."

Mr Till commented that the previous highest number of tenders in any one tender round was 74 offers for 20 properties in 2008.

"The next round of abandoned land sales will take place later this year and will include any properties passed in from this current round," he said.

"People interested in participating in the coming abandoned land tenders are encouraged to register their interest by emailing their contact details to council on; info@ruapehudc.govt.nz

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