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Upgrade for gravel road

Tuhoe Te Uru Taumatua, Te Urewera Board and the Wairoa and Whakatane District Councils are working together to improve Te Urewera Rd.

The former State Highway 38 is recognised as one of the country's most scenic routes and provides the only road access to Lake Waikaremoana and the remote communities within Te Urewera.

Driving the road requires motorists to negotiate 64km of steep, winding gravel.

Ngai Tuhoe sees the improvement of Te Urewera Rd as a key requirement to create a vibrant and prosperous Te Urewera



Te Urewera Rd.

community and economy.

Tamati Kruger, the chairman the Te Uru Taumatua Board and the Te Urewera Board, says Te Urewera is a respected place of outstanding value and worth.

Whakatane District Mayor Tony Bonne says his council wholeheartedly supports

the proposed upgrading of the road.

"We believe that further investment in Te Urewera Rd will help deliver security of access, growth and sustainable development for Te Urewera communities and contribute to the realisation of Tuhoe aspirations."