



To: Superior National Forest, Supervisor's Office  
Re: School Trust, St. Louis County, and TCF Land Purchase #66600  
Date: September 16, 2024

Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a women-led national grassroots organization that engages in and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. Our volunteer-led chapters (called Broadbands), located in rural and urban communities across the nation, organize members to engage as advocates to protect and steward wilderness and wild places. Our membership across the country, as well as the Minnesota Wild Waters Broadband chapter has a long history of advocating for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

**Great Old Broads for Wilderness supports the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW. We also support the federal purchase of the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land.** Contrary to the assertions of local legislators, a federal purchase like this is legal under the Weeks Act. In fact, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for purchases just like this one.

This transaction will facilitate a more streamlined administration of the BWCAW by consolidating land ownership. It will also prevent potentially destructive industrial or other development on these lands by future state or county governments.

In order to make sure the BWCAW is available for future generations to enjoy, the landscape must remain intact and preserved. This federal purchase would also provide valuable income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund.

We urge the Forest Service to proceed with the federal purchase of this land. A land exchange is not the solution. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Husby".

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