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Comments: It is desirable and appropriate that all land within the BWCAW should be under Federal ownership. Since a land exchange doesn't seem possible, the outright purchase of state parcels in the wilderness is a viable alternative: the integrity of the BWCA is preserved and substantial funds are added to the Minnesota school trust fund - a win-win. Though I've made 71 excursions into every corner the Boundary Waters, I have no site specific comments on individual parcels -- every acre within the wilderness is valuable for its own sake, and I believe the USFS is an effective position to manage and protect those acres.

As to the county and conservation lands outside the BWCA, I have little direct knowledge, and no comment.