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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed purchase of School Trust Lands by the Federal Government. As a Minnesota resident, regular user of the BWCA and Superior National Forest, and former Cook County resident, I greatly value the access to the outdoors provided on state and federal lands on this unique area of Minnesota. I also have striven to understand the history of this place, and acknowledge that the School Trust Lands were created by community driven support for investment in public education, which I also value. I think that the previous proposals to exchange these lands for non-wilderness land would be a shortsighted exchange, and would not benefit Minnesotans or Cook County in the long term. Rather, I believe that the purchase of the School Trust Lands for incorporation into the BWCA will long term bolster the security of our wilderness for ecological and economic purposes, and will provide additional support to the public schools of Minnesota. This seems like a good thing for the whole community and I hope it can be accomplished soon.