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Comments: I strongly support the proposed purchase of Minnesota School Trust Lands in Superior National Forest. In my opinion, this is a total win-win course of action. The U.S. Forest Service and the BWCAW win by consolidating ownership and management of the lands. The entire U.S. public, whether in Minnesota, Maine, or any other place, benefits from that. The State of Minnesota wins by obtaining just compensation for the Trust lands, enabling the State to derive future income from the investment of the money it will receive. That investment will significantly benefit Minnesota schools and students for the foreseeable future.

The question of how to deal with Minnesota School Trust Lands within the BWCAW has been debated and contested since the BWCAW was established. It has been a source of contention and conflict. This proposal will finally and equitably settle the matter. We need to do that now! Continued debate and conflict helps no, certainly not Minnesota's schools and students. The proposal benefits everybody.