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Comments: The proposed purchase of school lands within the BWCAW by the U.S. Forest Service is an excellent solution to a longstanding problem. It benefits all parties. The Forest Service consolidates wilderness land under its ownership to facilitate management and protection of this unique area. Minnesota schools benefit from additional income which is always needed and which was the purpose of school lands in the first place. Purchase of the lands, as opposed to exchange, provides a much cleaner and quicker option. I strongly support this win-win proposal.