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Comments: I write as a Wilderness and USFS supporter to urge you to move forward with the proposed purchases of school trust land within the BWCA Wilderness as quickly as possible. I also support the proposed purchase of lands outside the BWCAW, currently owned by The Conservatn Foundation, to be added to the Superior National Forest. Together, these purchases will simplify BWCAW management, resolve the long-standing and contentious issue of school trust lands within the Wilderness without shrinking the national forest as a land trade would have done, and instead increase access to the forest for recreation and conservation purposes.

Once purchased, the USFS should manage school trust lands in a manner consistent with the Wilderness Act. I am not familiar with the exact locations of the TCF land, but urge USFS to assess their suitability for adding to the BWCAW where appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal that I fully support.