Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/2/2024 3:43:14 PM First name: Julie Last name: Miedtke Organization: Title: Comments: I am in support of the US Forest Service purchasing the identified School Trust lands within the Superior National Forest.

I am a retired person, approaching 70 years of walking on this earth. Most of my work and personal life has been centered around trees and natural resources. And over time, I have really noticed changes in the resource and in people.

With a changing climate, as you know, it is critical to maintain biological diversity. We need to set aside as much land as we can for migrating plants and animals-right?! Protecting the land will help protect our water--which ever direction it flows.

School trust lands are to generate a profit for schools. And i believe the biggest profit would be to retain these lands for the ecosystem services they provide:clean air, clean water, habitat for wildlife, protecting soils, and for recreation. It's immeasurable. It's for the future!

Thanks!