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Comments: I oppose the sale of the school trust fund lands in the BWCAW. The 1978 Act clearly states the method of recourse for the BWCA land transfer is by exchange.

No passing of later law makes it right or legal only possible, in the eyes of the original intent of the 1978 Act, it is clearly a violation of the 1978 Act.

The only reason given to use purchase instead of exchange is that exchange is hard work, the congressional agreement in 1978 did not say it would be easy, but it did say how it should be done, anything less is simply failure to comply to the law. Yes, there are barriers to an exchange, some real, some political, but it is possible and without the perception of a purchase option on the table, a negotiated agreement is more probable.

In the final analysis of this proposed sale, the State of Minnesota is selling off part of itself, It can be argued that the Federal government owns enough of Minnesota already, the base thought behind the original 1964 and the 1978 Acts, and why the exchange language exists through negotiations.

Let's make things right, get back the exchange mandated solution, please.