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I am writing in hope to preserve acres of land through federal purchase for which otherwise state legislators if they had by way of exchange some 80,000 acres of state trust lands inside the BWCAW, and the 3200 acres of ST. Louis County land would "log and mine the hell out of those lands".

Unlike the assertions of the local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act.

Furthermore, congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just that purpose.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a wilderness, and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

A federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by local Timberjay newspaper and others.

So I support the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, and the 3200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package. Thank you for your time.