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Comments: I support the Federal purchase of some 80,000 acres of Minnesota school trust-lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land currently under consideration. This purchase could greatly facilitate the stewardship of the BWCAW as Wilderness, while preventing the possibility of future development, or degradation of Wilderness quality areas. Also, it appears the federal purchase of these lands will supply more capital to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than any other proposal being considered, like a land exchange.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund would be used well to provide full Wilderness protections for these parcels.