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Comments: Apparently the Republican officials who still want to do an exchange rather than the federal buyout dont care that it would be "prohibitively costly" - only that they can log and develop the heck out of it!

But an exchange of this magnitude proved to be enormously time-consuming and would have been prohibitively costly, and the DNR has now formally withdrawn its request for an exchange. Instead, the DNR and Forest Service now are proposing a federal purchase of these school trust lands within the BWCAW, using monies from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. A federal purchase will make administration of the BWCAW more efficient and provide far more money to the Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to various analyses, including one by the local Timberjay newspaper. And this purchase proposal could finally resolve the lingering question of the BWCAW's school trust lands not providing any income for the Permanent School Fund.

So lets get this done and possibly save more of nature and wildlife habitat!