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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

These are my personal comments about the School Trust, St. Louis County, and TCF Land Purchase #666000, within or near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

I support this purchase and urge that this land sale to the federal government be completed as quickly as possible to protect the BWCAW with this 80,000-acre acquisition of Minnesota state school trust lands and 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land.

This federal purchase will make administration and protection of the BWCAW easier and less expensive and will stop any efforts of development by future state or county governments of the lands that would be purchased.

This land transaction will provide more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange. Thus, it will help the citizens of Minnesota more.

This proposed land purchase is legal under the Weeks Act and the U.S. can use the Land and Water Conservation Fund for this acquisition.