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Comments: I am writing to voice my strong support for the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

I am disappointed that local legislators are asserting that a federal purchase is not legal. Clearly, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.