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Comments: I write regarding the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, through which I have paddled many times, goinb back to the 1960's. I support the federal purchase of the state school trust lands inside the BWCAW and of the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land . The purchase would:

1. Increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.
2. Provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange.
3. Be legal under the Weeks Act and would be compatible with the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Thank you for your consideration.