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Comments: Dear Forest Service, This email is to inform you that I support 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.

This federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands. This is critical. As you know, a federal purchase would provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to multiple analyses. Unlike the assertions of the local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes. Please protect the BWCAW.

Thank you,

Nicole Ives