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- I am in favor of the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside BWCAW, and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the purchase package.

-A federal purchase will increase efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, and prevent state or county governments from developing these lands.

-A federal purchase will provides more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a proposed land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

- A federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.

Thank you,

J. McLain