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Comments: I support the federal purchase of 80,000 acres of state school trust lands and 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land within the BWCAW. This purchase would enhance the efficiency of wilderness management and prevent future development by state or county governments. According to analyses by the Timberjay newspaper and others, a federal purchase would also generate more income for Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange. Contrary to claims by local legislators, the purchase is legal under the Weeks Act, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund was created for this purpose.