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Comments: 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 because it will improve the efficiency of handling the BWCAW as a Wilderness and prevent future development by state or county governments.

A federal purchase increase income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

Local legislators are incorrect: a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. In addition, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.