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I support the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness!!! It will prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands!!! Also, federal purchase will provide much more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange. That is according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

In spite of the false assertions of the local legislators, the federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.