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Comments: After seeing analysis by the local Timberjay newspapers as well as other sources I have come to the conclusion that a federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside BWCAW as well as the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land would provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange. By the US Government buying this land it will increase the efficiency of protecting and administering the BWCAW as a wilderness and prevent the county or state governments from developing this land in the future. Contrary to the claims of the local legislators, it is my understanding that a federal purchase is legal under the Weeks Act which is just why Congress started the Land and Water Conservation Fund to begin with. Therefore, I reiterate my support for the purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land that comes with the land purchase package.