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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I support the purchase by the U.S. Forest Service from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands, and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County tax-forfeited land, inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota.

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

In contrast to assertions made by the local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.