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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. Due to "bad" decisions from environmental institutions that have led to the massacre of forest animals.

A 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. Only if the individuals working for the forest service actually care about doing their due diligence in protecting the land and the flora and fauna living within it.

A federal purchase will 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.

Unlike the assertions of 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. But too many actions of GREEDY oil, gas, and coal corporations along with their benefactors, RePUBICLANS have led to massive destruction of "PUBLIC" lands