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Comments: The federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW is a great idea! That and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package

It makes so much sense because 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.

It's such a plus that 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.

A federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act, despite what local, biased legislators say. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes