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Comments: I am writing to express my support for 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.

This purchase would increase efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness and would prevent future development. We need to keep this area wild.

A federal purchase will ensure a lot more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

And a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act, which is being contradicted by local legislators. But it is legal. In fact, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.

Please let this federal purchase proceed.