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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I support the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

Increasing the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness through a federal purchase is an important likely outcome, as is preventing future state or county governments from developing these lands.

The federal government purchasing the lands would provide much more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange might (based on 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.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Rosenblad