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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. This land should be protected as a wilderness area and having the federal government purchase it should prevent local development of these wilderness acres. A federal purchase would be completely legal under the Weeks Act, and in fact the Land and Water Conservation Fund was created for just such a purpose.

The money from the federal purchase would provide a lot more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange would (according to local newspapers, such as Timberjay.)