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Comments: The Forest Service should move ahead with the federal purchase of the school trust lands within the BWCAW, and ignore the plea from the state legislators for a land exchange. Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.

Also, 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.

Once gone, Wilderness cannot be restored by further human interference.