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Comments: I am writing to voice 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. If the Federal government purchases these lands and declares them as Wilderness, then there is the best chance of them not being developed in the future, which seems like such a rare opportunity anymore in this country.

My understanding is that an alternative option is a land exchange, but that does not seem very profitable for the Permanent School Fund that MN runs, and could also run the aforementioned risk of future development.

As for how to fund the deal, a Federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for purchases like this one.