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Comments: The school trust lands inside the BWCAW and the tax-forfeited St. Louis County lands do not have wilderness protections currently, and these lands inside the BWCAW could be developed in the future!

A federal purchase will make administration of the BWCAW more efficient and provide far more money to the Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to various analyses, including one by the local Timberjay newspaper. And this purchase proposal could finally resolve the lingering question of the BWCAW's school trust lands not providing any income for the Permanent School Fund.

Please move ahead with the federal purchase of these school trust lands within the BWCAW, and to ignore the plea from the state legislators for a land exchange.