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Comments: I strongly, adamantly, and fervently 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.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, and prevent future Republican-controlled state or anti-wilderness county governments from developing these sacrosanct lands.

A federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and numerous others.

Unlike the assertions of the local right-wing and anti-Earth legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.

As such, please implement the federal acquisition of these lands ASAP!

Thank you.