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Comments: I support the federal purchase of both the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, as well as the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

This support is based upon the fact that said purchase:

- (1) Will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness
- (2) Will prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.
- (3) Will provide greater income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange, as the analyses of local newspapers and others have adequately assessed.
- (4) Is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act;
- (5) Is consistent with why Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Thank you for your consideration.