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Comments: I am writing to encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources to complete a federal purchase of the school trust lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota. I support the federal purchase of 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW and the 3,200 acres of the S. Louis County land included in the land purchase package. The federal purchase would increase efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands. The federal purchase would provide income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others. Unlike assertions of local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes. Thank you for your time.