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Comments:

I 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 state, or county governments, from developing these lands, and 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 others.

Unlike the 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.