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Comments: I strongly 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. I believe that a federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, which I see as a priority. I also believe this would prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

It is my understanding that this federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, based upon the analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others. I also understand the federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act, as Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for such situations.