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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. I've seen a map of the state school trust lands, and I believe that 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. The BWCA Wilderness is a place where I have spent a great deal of time, and I have seen this wild land heal many women and children. I've worked as a guide there for several years. This purchase would further the preservation of this wild land and continue to provide respite for people into the future.

Unlike the assertions of the 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.