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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.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and will protect the BWCAW as a Wilderness. It will also prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

A look at profits proves s federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, done by local analyses cited in the Timberjay newspaper.

Plus a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.