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Comments: The agreement the U.S. Forest Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have reached for a federal purchase of about 80,000 acres of state-owned school trust lands and 3,200 acres of county tax-forfeited land inside the 1.1-million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota is a good agreement that benefits all (except those opposed to the idea of Wilderness areas). 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 especially as it will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness with the added benefit that this federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would any land exchange -- a win-win (except for those opposed to Wilderness).

Please proceed with the purchase as already agreed upon,

Leon Van Steen