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Comments: The agreement of U.S. Forest Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a federal purchase of state-owned school trust lands and 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 welcome news.

This 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.

According to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others, federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange.