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Comments:

I strongly support the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, as well as the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

This purchase would 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, this purchase would provide a lot more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange would.

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.