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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.

A federal purchase will prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands and we need our remaining wild lands to be preserved.

In addition, a federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to reliable sources. And it is perfectly legal under the Land and Water Conservation Fund which was created for just such purposes. Please proceed with the purchase and preservation of the State School Trust lands. Thank you.