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Comments: I am a US voting citizen. I am also a believer that it is our duty as Americans to preserve land for future generations. The lands in question should be preserved, and thus 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. Through this purchase, this land can be set aside for future generations.

While I normally do not advocate for taking the "easy way out," this purchase ensures that the BWCAW land is protected for wilderness purposes, thus increasing the efficiency of administering the land. Moreover, this purchase could prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands in a manner that is not in keeping with wilderness traditions. That efficiency would be virtually guaranteed.

As this pandemic has shown us with escalating land values, a purchase of the land will provide a large income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others. That money could be invested, and through such investment would continue to make the value of that money increase. In other words, it makes sense as a money-making deal.

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

Please work to purchase the land. It is a win-win for everyone, especially for future generations who would be able to enjoy the land. After all, we borrow our lands from future generations.