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Comments: As a tourist who loves the Boundary Waters and Quetico, I strongly 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.

The purchase will help to protect the BWCAW as a Wilderness, prevent future governments from developing these lands., and provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange. A federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes. Thank you for trying to save the last bit of wilderness in Minnesota.