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Comments: I support the Forest Service move to proceed with the federal purchase of school trust lands within the BWCAW.

The proposal addresses a decades-old land management issue that stems from the creation of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, which greatly restricted the state's ability to access its trust lands within the wilderness boundaries. A federal 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.

A the deposit of funds from the federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than any alternative.