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Comments: 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. There is dwindling green space in our country and the BWCAW and surrounding land has become more special because of this. There is no place like it and protection is essential from future development. Maintaining this pristine wilderness will provide ongoing income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund and a federal purchase will help with the administration and protection of the BWCAW as a Wilderness and not a development. This purchase IS legal under the Weeks Act which was created for the purpose that Congress intended when it established the Land and Water Conservation Fund.