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Comments: I've been paddling in wild places all my life. I was lucky enough to have family members who showed me the beauty of the outdoors at a young age. It was instilled in me that these beautiful places are our responsibility, and if we don't take care of them, they'll be lost forever.

I had the privilege to visit the Boundary Waters twice. Both trips included about 5-6 days in the wilderness, paddling across dozens of lakes and carrying my gear over the portages. Quite simply, it's one of the most incredible places I've ever experienced.

Because of my time there, I feel a deep sense of obligation to make sure that future generations can experience the Boundary Waters as I have. Please purchase this land and protect it.