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Comments: I support the proposed action for the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the BWCAW, the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package, and the 17,000 acres of TCF lands within the forest boundary.

The wilderness inholdings are particularly important to acquire to finally put to rest decades of controversy about incompatible use of those lands in a way that would impair the surrounding wilderness.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was designed explicitly for this type of acquisition. This is a win-win for the public, for wilderness users, and for the financial beneficiaries of the state school lands who will finally secure a substantial monetary benefit from the state lands.