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Comments: The federal government should buy 80,000 acres of state school trust lands and 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land that are inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). This would make the BWCAW more efficient to manage and protect, and would prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

A federal purchase would also provide much more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange, according to studies by the Timberjay newspaper and others. The local legislators say that a federal purchase is illegal under the Weeks Act, but this is not true. In fact, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.