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Comments: Please go ahead with the federal purchase of the school trust lands within the BWCAW, and do not participate in a land exchange with state legislators.

Currently these lands do not have wilderness protections and could be developed in the future!

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.

A federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses.

Unlike the assertions of the local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act.

Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.