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Please purchase 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 increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a "Wilderness" and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

Also, a federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.