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Comments: Too much of the land in the country is in the hands of individuals. Therefore, 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.

This federal purchase of these lands is legal under the Weeks Act. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was created by Congress for just such purposes.

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.

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