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Comments: Wilderness Watch has provided the polite words for this comment. My non-polite words are that the people of Minnesota already said that they don't want a sulfur mine on or near the Boundary Waters. This is a law they passed. Those republicants who are attempting to stop this are being bribed by Rio Tinto (whom I think is the group that wants to poison the Bondary Waters and leave the area dead). DO NOT LISTEN TO THE REPUBLICANTS. THEY WANT TO RULE NOT REPRESENT AND THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA ALREADY SAID WHAT THEY WANT.

Here are Wilderness Watch's words:

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

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.

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.