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Comments: I STRONGLY 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 CRITICAL Wilderness area - 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 BOGUS ASSERTIONS of local REPUBLICAN legislators who are CONTINUALLY trying to undermine strong efforts at PROTECTING the lands and waters of OUR GREAT NATION, A FEDERAL PURCHASE IS LEGAL under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund EXACTLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES. TURN DOWN THEIR BLUSTERY VOLUME and ABIDE BY THE WEEKS ACT & THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND TODAY!!