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Comments: The federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land is indeed a significant move. This purchase aims to enhance the management and protection of the BWCAW as a wilderness area, ensuring that these lands remain undeveloped by future state or county governments. This federal acquisition is expected to generate more income for Minnesota's Permanent School Fund compared to land exchange. The legal framework for this purchase is supported by the Weeks Act, and the land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress for such purposes.