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Comments: Good morning,

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 that land purchase package.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting this wilderness area and prevent future development. It will also provide more desperately needed income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than 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 -Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.