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Comments: As an environmentally motivated voter who is committed to the preservation of our wilderness areas, I support the federal purchase of the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package.

The inclusion of these areas among federal lands will facilitate better administration and protection of the BWCAW as Wilderness; moreover, it will preserve the area as wilderness forever, against possible future development by local government.

Federal purchase will also provide significantly more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange, as has been demonstrated by Timberjay newspaper and others in their analyses.

The Weeks Act permits such a purchase, a fact of which local legislators seem to be ignorant. Indeed, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.