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Comments: I support and urge you to move forward with the plans to purchase the 80,000 acres of state school trust lands inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and the 3,200 acres of St. Louis County land included in the land purchase package. Doing so will have the benefits of increasing the efficiency of administering the BWCAW as a Wilderness, ensuring the protection of these lands by preventing future development of them by state or county governments and providing a greater economic boost for the Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange.

Please move forward with this win - win purchase, which is legal under the Weeks Act, by using monies from the Land and Water Conservation Fund created by Congress for purposes such as this.