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Comments: 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 the land purchase package.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness. A federal purchase will also provide more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than a land exchange. Such a federal purchase is legal under the Weeks Act. Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for such purposes.

Thank you.