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Comments: As a supporter of wilderness preservation and protection, 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. This purchase will prevent future development of these lands, and make protecting the BWCAW more efficient and easier to administer.

This purchase is legal under the Weeks Act, and will, according to independent analyses, provide more income to the Permanent School Fund than the previously proposed land exchange.