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Comments: 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 is in the interest of all Americans as well as the local citizens.

A federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness. A federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange. The terms of the Weeks Act make a purchase perfectly legal. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is exactly for such purposes.