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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. I believe that a federal purchase will increase the efficiency of administering and protecting the BWCAW as a Wilderness, and will also prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands.

Also, a federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange according to a number of analyses. Further, a federal purchase is legal under the Weeks Act. Finally, it appears to me that Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for purposes like this purchase.