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Comments: Hello, I continue to be struck by the hypocrisy of the Republican party, utilizing laws as it suits their purpose in one scenario, such as the 1964 Wilderness Act for the Waters Cone Area Wilderness, and working to undermine the law broadly in order to allow corporations to skirt regulations, which protect the planet and our public lands, with impunity.

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, and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands. A federal purchase will provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to analyses by the local Timberjay newspaper and others.

Thank you to the U.S. Forest Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for working together and crafting a win-win agreement. Please move forward with the federal purchase and ignore the state legislators, acting in bad faith, pushing for a land exchange.

Thank you, Diana H, Concerned American