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Comments: Dear Superior NF. I'm writing to fervently support the purchase of state school trust lands within the BWCAW. I'm a retired FS wilderness manager from Region 1, and have had multiple experiences trying to manage wilderness in holdings, generally with negative outcomes to maintaining wilderness character. These acquisitions make total sense for the State and certainly for the BWCAW. This sort of decision is exactly what LWCF funds are intended for. This action would not be illegal, rather it would clearly support the intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964. This action would be a tremendous step forward for the overall management of the BWCAW and improving wilderness quality. Acquiring these sections would also clearly generate revenue for local communities and the state, as the BWCAW is the most heavily visited wilderness in the US last I heard. Income from recreational users, local businesses, outfitters are a significant contribution to the economy of northern Minnesota. I urge you to continue to work to bring this purchase to a close and ensure that BWCAW quality is protected and improved. Thank you for all your hard work on this project!