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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.

Unlike the assertions of the local legislators, a federal purchase is perfectly legal under the Weeks Act. Furthermore, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund for just such purposes.

Please pursue this proposed federal purchase as it will benefit the BWCAW by increasing the efficiency of administering and protecting it as a Wilderness, and prevent future state or county governments from developing these lands. The purchase will also provide far more income to Minnesota's Permanent School Fund than would a land exchange, according to numerous local analyses.

Thank You,

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