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Comments: As a longtime Arrowhead resident and former Boundary Waters canoe outfitter, I strongly support this purchase plan, including the TCF land.

Visitor and recreation numbers in the region continue to grow and in some cases put pressure on our public resources. Adding the TCF parcels to the Superior National Forest will provide valuable additional opportunities for outdoors access as well as conservation, which are cornerstones of the local and regional economy as well. Such a purchase is exactly the intent for which Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Analysis by the Office of School Trust Lands, the Ely Timberjay and others show that this purchase will also have a significantly greater benefit for public school funding than alternative plans.