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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for land exchanges with United
1.3 States Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the state forest suspense account in
1.7 the permanent school fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the school trust
1.8 lands director to initiate the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness land exchanges with
1.9 the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the private forest land
1.10 alternative with a nonprofit partner. The school trust lands director may use this appropriation
1.11 for project costs, including but not limited to environmental assessments, valuation expenses,
1.12 legal fees, closing costs, and transactional staff costs. The commissioner must reimburse
1.13 the permanent school fund the amount spent under this appropriation and the appropriation
1.14 in Laws 2017, chapter 93, article 1, section 9, paragraph (b), as amended by Laws 2019,
1.15 First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 12, from the revenue received from the
1.16 sale of timber permits on lands acquired in the exchange. This is a onetime appropriation
1.17 and is available until June 30, 2022.