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Farm Bureau Federation**

**Audio with AFBF congressional relations director Ryan Yates**

Suggested lead: The American Farm Bureau Federation is calling on the U.S. Senate to follow the House's lead in passing a disapproval resolution regarding the Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 rule. Micheal Clements has more...tape

Wrap #1                    1:27            OC:... "Micheal Clements, Washington."

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Suggested lead: This week the House passed a resolution against a Bureau of Land Management rule pushed through in the final weeks of the Obama administration. AFBF congressional relations director Ryan Yates says the rule—known as Planning 2.0—would negatively impact federal land-use planning processes...tape

Cut #1                    :16            OC:... "exact opposite."

Yates explains there were several problems with rule that prompted the House to act...tape

Cut #2                    :19            OC:... "of disapproval."

The Senate must pass its own disapproval resolution before the regulation can be rescinded. Yates says the bipartisan vote in the House could lead to a

timely vote in the Senate, but farmers and ranchers need to let their senators know how the rule will hurt them...tape

Cut #3 :13 OC:...“of disapproval.”

### **Tyson Foods Tied to Price-Fixing Lawsuit**

**Tyson Foods said this week it recently received a subpoena from federal investigators, likely tied to an investigation in which Tyson and other companies are alleged to have conspired to fix poultry prices. An AP report says the Arkansas-based meat producer said the investigation is in its early stages and that they are cooperating with investigators. Last September, a class-action lawsuit accused Tyson, Pilgrim’s Pride and other poultry producers conspired to fix and maintain poultry prices since 2008. The suit says their primary method of fixing prices at certain levels was “limiting their production.” The suit was filed by Mapleville Farms of New York, stating that methods of limiting production included the “unprecedented” destruction of breeder hens in 2008. The suit also says a second wave of coordinated production cuts took place in 2011 and 2012. In addition, the suit said the companies exchanged competitively sensitive, nonpublic information about prices, sales volume, and demand. Several companies named in the lawsuit filed a motion last month to dismiss the suit, saying that chicken production grew during the time period named in the lawsuit.**