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For Immediate Release

Progress from fire suppression efforts during the past 24 hours along with cooperating weather have helped with containment immediately south of Republic.

Fire crews will be continuing burnout operations south of Republic today with the goal of further lowering evacuation levels over the next few days. An increase of smoke in the air based on current weather conditions will accompany those efforts, specifically throughout the Aeneas Valley, and west of Highway 21 approximately 6 miles south of the city.

Based on current progress and weather conditions, tentative plans are being made for the re-opening of Highway 21 south of Republic sometime this weekend. Limited visibility, reduced speeds and delays will all be factors while fire crews continue with their suppression efforts along that area.

Evacuation levels in Republic and throughout the Kettle Complex remain unchanged but are being continually evaluated.

As always, we encourage you to remain vigilant to updates as there is still active fire in the area.

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