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Dammeron Fire contained; Smoke from Nevada fire reaches St. George Memorial Fund established for SEAT pilot

St. George – Firefighters declared the 3,400-acre Dammeron Fire in southern Utah contained at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Color Country Fire Management Area has established a memorial fund for the family of Wayne Turner, the single engine air tanker pilot who died Thursday fighting the Dammeron Fire. To donate to this fund, send cash or checks to Dixie Employee Association, Attn: Julianne Green, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah, 84720. For more information, call (435) 865-3700.

More than 400 firefighters worked the Dammeron Fire, 14 miles north of St. George. Most crews were released from the fire today and sent back to their home areas or to other fires.

Although the Dammeron Fire is contained, area residents are likely to see smoke for the next few weeks from fires burning small pockets of vegetation within the interior of the burned area. These small, isolated fires are surrounded by burned vegetation and will not spread beyond the burned area. This is normal following a wildland fire and is not cause for alarm.

Meanwhile, a fire ignited Wednesday by lightning in the remote Virgin Mountains of Nevada brought smoke to the skies of St. George Friday and Saturday. More than 200 firefighters are working the Nickel Fire, which is 15 miles south of Mesquite. This fire had burned 2,300 acres by noon Saturday and was growing. It was about a mile from the Arizona border. No homes or structures are currently threatened by this fire.

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